

ARGOT

2018 CHARDONNAY
SIMPATICO RANCH
BENNETT VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

WINE NOTES Farming the vineyard since 2008, we saw our latest harvest at Simpatico Ranch in 2018. The modest ripening curve exposed a reserve of fruitfulness and minerality, previously untapped by these vines. A watershed vintage for both vineyard and appellation.

VINEYARD Planted in 1974. Shallow volcanic soils on the gently-sloped, south-facing foothills of Bennett Peak on Bennett Valley's floor. One of (if not **the**) coolest Chardonnay vineyards in Sonoma County

WINEMAKER NOTES – *Patience was the story at Simpatico Ranch in 2018. After Mother Nature delivered a perfect run of weather through September and October, the result was a singularly wonderful edition of this Chardonnay. A wine of crystalline purity, toe-walking across the palate on an energetic expression of honeydew melon, Meyer lemon and orange blossom; balanced by piercing minerality, distinct flintiness, and a kiss of sauvage; finished by a remarkably long unfurl into the back of the palate. Chapeau!*



VINTAGE
2018

CUVEE
100% Chardonnay
Planted 1974, Old-Wente

HARVEST
Nov 1

ALCOHOL
14.2%

FERMENT
Native yeast
Barrel ferment

BARRELS
French Oak, 67% new

ELEVAGE
16 months, sur lie
Early bâtonnage
2 months in steel

PRODUCTION
150 cases