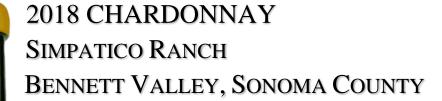
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WINE NOTES Farming the vineyard since 2008, we saw our latest harvest at Simpatico Ranch in 2018. The modest ripening curve exposed a reserve of fruitfulness and minerality, previously untapped by these vines. A watershed vintage for both vineyard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

VIN	ΓAGE
2018	

CUVEE
100% Chardonnay
Planted 1974, Old-Wente

HARVEST	
Nov 1	

ALCOHOI	
14.2%	

150 cases

FERMENT Native yeast Barrel ferment BARRELS French Oak, 67% new ELEVAGE 16 months, sur lie Early bâttonage 2 months in steel PRODUCTION