LE P'TIT PAYSAN

2017 Chardonnay Jack's Hill

Monterey County

Winemaking: Predominantly from a few vineyards at the base of Jack's Hill, planted on the distinct iron oxide granite that dominates the east side of the Salinas Valley, directly east of Sleepy Hollow North. Clone 4 and 76 on 101-14 and 3309 rootstock, 35-year-old Wente clone on unknown rootstock (nobody remembers what it is). Also blended with small lots of Chardonnay clone 17 (Robert Young) from the northern Santa Lucia Highlands. All cool to cold climate. Picked at low brix and high acid. Pressed to tank, cold settled 24 hours, racked to neutral oak barrels and puncheons, one new puncheon and two lightly used puncheons (approx. 4% new French) and stainless tanks. Barrel (65%), concrete (30%) and tank (5%) aged 5 months. Partial malolactic fermentation. 2100 cases made.

