

Nice Winery

2018 Notorious Chardonnay

Paso Robles, California



Awards: Silver Medal, 2019 *Rodeo Uncorked!* Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo International Wine Competition

About the Wine:

Our Notorious Chardonnay is resplendent with all of the butterscotch and vanilla flavors of French oak-aged Chardonnay that define this style of California wine. We were fortunate enough to get our hands on some outstanding Chardonnay grapes from a sustainably farmed, family vineyard in the Central Coast region of California near Paso Robles. We then aged the wine one-half in new French Oak, one-half in neutral oak. We blended between the two barrel types and crafted a mere 95 cases of what we think is the perfect full-bodied Chardonnay. Fermented with the natural yeast present in the vineyard, measured malolactic fermentation, and an equal mix of new and neutral oak, we have created a wine with great complexity, ample minerality, and freshness. It lives up to the name: Notorious. The must was aged 'sur lie' (on the yeast) while stirring lightly for 9 months before going to bottle. Catch that butterscotch aroma! It is intoxicating.

Enjoy with rich pasta dishes chicken, seafood, pork, or butter based sauces. If you want to experiment a bit, some chardonnay friendly spices and herbs include tarragon, Italian flat leaf parsley, thyme, lemon zest, marjoram, white pepper, shallots, and poultry seasoning blends.

Tasting Notes: Butterscotch. Green Apple. Lemon Pie.

About Ryan and Ian

Certified Sommeliers, Wine Educators and Le Cordon Bleu trained Chefs Ryan Levy and Ian Eastveld are the “foodie superduo” behind Nice Winery. Their chef-driven wines have been lauded in *Wine Enthusiast*, awarded 94 point ratings and gold medals, and are featured

on top wine lists. When not making their hand-crafted wines, the chefs teach about wine and food at their Houston winery and tasting studio.



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