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2017  
CHARDONNAY  
LANCEL CREEK  
VINEYARD



Blend	100% whole cluster pressed Chardonnay
Clones	Montrachet, Old Wente
Yeast	Native
Ferment	Barrel fermented
Aging	10 months in 30% new French oak
Cellaring	15+ years
pH	3.13
TA	8.4 g/l
Alcohol	13.4%
Production	188 cases
Bottled	July 23rd, 2018

This isolated site is among the jewels in the acclaimed vineyard portfolio of late viticulturist Ulises Valdez. Secluded at the end of a logging road surrounded by old growth redwoods and oak trees above the town of Occidental, this fog-laden vineyard produces lean, layered wine to rival Grand Cru Chablis. Cool coastal temperatures at Lancel Creek typically keep Brix in perfect harmony with acidity, creating the tension that sets the tone for Texture. But in 2017 the Labor Day weekend brought three consecutive days of temperatures well in excess of 100 degrees to California's North Coast. The morning of August 30th, the heat wave was forecast to increase daytime temperatures by 20 degrees. Ulises and his seasoned harvest crew set out just hours before daybreak, and as a result the crop escaped the heat entirely. Despite its rugged location, Lancel Creek Vineyard is forging its reputation as a New World rival to the most sophisticated bottlings of its Burgundian counterparts.