

KOSTA BROWNE ESTATE WINES

# 2019 Cerise Vineyard Chardonnay

## Complex and Vibrant

Anderson Valley has become one of California's most distinctive wine regions, with Cerise being one of the most preeminent vineyards in the last quarter-century. Rising from 587 to 1,620 feet, its steep, unforgiving terrain results in thought-provoking wines that combine a rustic spirit with stunning energy and opulence. Originally planted with Pinot Noir in 1997, a selection of vines were grafted to Chardonnay in 2013. Grown on a south-west facing slope, this striking expression of Anderson Valley Chardonnay comes from the coolest section of Cerise Vineyard.

The 2019 Cerise Chardonnay came in at perfect ripeness, allowing a completely hands-off approach from press to bottle. This delectable wine displays bright, captivating aromas of white peach, orange blossom, and fresh ginger that intertwine with a radiant minerality. There is an intriguing dichotomy of richness and acidity on the nuanced palate that comingle, creating a beautiful, hypnotic tension.

**Fact of Note:** The Chardonnay was picked a few days before all the Cerise Pinot Noir.



5.59 g/L



26% foudre



44% new French  
oak

### VINEYARD DETAILS

**VINEYARD** Cerise Vineyard

**CLONES** Wente

**ORIENTATION** North East/South West

**TRELLISING** VSP

**SOIL** Bearwallow Complex

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**FERMENTATION** 74% barrel, 26% foudre

**ÉLEVAGE** 44% new French oak for 16 months, 9% wood cask for 16 months

**ALCOHOL** 13.8%

**pH** 3.49

**TA** 5.59 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**NOSE** Bright, enticing aromatics of white peach, orange blossom, and fresh ginger that intertwine with baking spices and a beautiful minerality.

**MOUTH** Nuanced, with an intriguing dichotomy of richness and acidity that forms a beautiful tension – it's a hypnotic Chardonnay.