

# TASTE LEARN ENJOY



## Bowers Harbor Vineyards

Old Mission Peninsula, Michigan  
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### 2018 Chardonnay RLS Reserve

#### The Wine

Produced with great care and a nod to age and experience, our Chardonnay RLS Reserve beautifully combines the best expression of this adaptable white varietal with the dignity of French Oak barrel aging. Chardonnay lends itself equally well to stainless steel and oak, with the winemaker crafting the interpretation of the wine in the desired style. The RLS Reserve was produced in honor of proprietor Spencer's father-in-law, a man with distinctive taste and a love for barrel-aged Chardonnay.

#### The Grapes

Cool-climate Chardonnay expresses lean citrus, pear and green apple notes. These grapes are harvested early in the fall season, when they have significant acidity. Chardonnay can thrive in virtually any wine-producing region, making it the world's most-planted white varietal. Our 2016 vintage was harvested from the Nicholas and Smokey Hollow Vineyards right here on beautiful Old Mission Peninsula.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

*Oak barrels are sometimes known as the "spice cabinet" of the winemaker. Aging a wine in oak barrels can impart a variety of flavors: nuttiness, caramel, smoke, toast, clove, honey, vanilla, cedar, or allspice.*

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Case Production: 289

Vintage: 2018

pH/Residual Sugar: 0%

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

ABV: 12%

## TASTING NOTES

Lovely notes of Honey Crisp apple, toasted almond, and popcorn butter on the nose. The palate suggests unripened pear, green apple, white grapefruit, and a soft toasted oak finish.

#### How to taste:

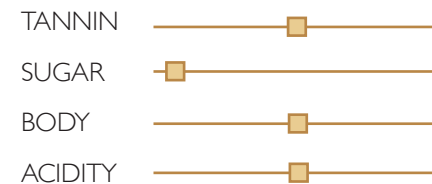
- 1 Look at the appearance:



- 2 Identify aromas and flavors



- 3 Determine the profile



- 4 What to Pair It With!

Morel mushroom bisque; lobster

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