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**POINT ROUGE, PETER MICHAEL ESTATE CHARDONNAY**—Our winemaker's personal selection of the absolute top barrels from the entire vintage, Point Rouge exemplifies the true art of blending. Reflecting the wonderful gift of nature, this harmonious, complex and unique wine will carry the hallmark of this exceptional vintage for years to come.

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### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season began with abundant winter rainfall. Spring weather was cool and blooming, while delayed a bit, took place in almost perfect conditions resulting in ideal fruit set. The vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. Aggressive canopy management and fruit thinning brought the crop into optimal balance. Summer temperatures were moderate with no severe heat spikes. An extended summer allowed our Chardonnay to gradually reach perfect ripeness. The moderate temperatures permitted a gradual harvest, resulting in an elegant vintage with classic flavors and excellent concentration.

### WINEGROWING NOTES

Point Rouge is our winemaker’s selection of the absolute top barrels from the entire vintage. These barrels are singled out for their exceptional quality and potential for long term aging in the bottle. Twelve barrels from the 2018 vintage were selected in the cellar. The final cuvée was completed in December 2019 and contains barrels from the vineyards of La Carrière, Belle Côte, and Ma Belle-Fille.

### WINEMAKER’S TASTING NOTES

Offering a vast array of complexity, richness and yet elegance, the 2018 Point Rouge is an exceptional wine. The nose is filled with aromas of Neroli, fresh pear and apple, orange rind, and honey. Seamless and rich in the mouth, expressing an opulent style with subtle notes of Mangosteen, nougat, brioche, jasmine, and white rose framed with oyster shell minerality. The wine offers a rare complexity—harmony as well as an extraordinary tactile persistence with the heavenly presence of rare Boronia flowers, alongside toasted hazelnut and almond. This masterpiece will gain even more complexity in 4-5 years and should continue to age gracefully for two decades or more.

### WINE INFORMATION

Appellation: Knights Valley, Sonoma County  
Harvested: September 28 – October 1, 2018  
100% naturally fermented using native yeast  
100% barrel fermented in 100% French oak from select artisan coopers  
Barrel aged sur lies 16 months with weekly bâtonnage  
Bottled unfined and unfiltered:  
February 3, 2020  
Alcohol: 14.6%  
Release Date: September 1, 2020