

2017 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



93+ pts “Mendoza clone here. A fuller figured wine typically. Applejack’s stout but jolly friend, and just as well groomed. Great to hear of the winemaking practices applied to these wines from Steve Flamsteed, winemaker of Giant Steps. Universal application, minimal intervention, natural fermentation, left alone save topping up and some lees stirring. Definitely broad minded approach to wine, not following a dogma of science lab numerics to find the lit path to fine wine.

Smoke, almonds, flint, spice, ozone character, tropical lemon-lime citrus character, green apple whiffs. Light creaminess, has a fuller figure yet that’s all corseted together with chalky puffs of ‘mineral’ feel and the belt of green mango acidity. Generous flavors, you could say, certainly stains the palate well, perhaps needing some time to all come together completely. Still, has mojo. Good chardonnay here.”

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