

# SIXTO

## SIXTO ROZA HILLS CHARDONNAY 2019

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Classy and subtle. Shhh... listen... this might be the best Roza yet! Peach pit, melon rind, crushed almond and chalk. And then the sip... ohhh... apricot skin, nutmeg and lemon zest. Long and satisfying, it just doesn't want to quit!



### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### 94 Points, *James Suckling*

“Lovely aromas of warm citrus, jasmine and sliced almond. Medium-to full-bodied. The bright fruit is grounded by dark minerality. Complex and velvety structured. Straw and toasted herbs come through. Drink or hold.”

#### 94 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

“Coming from chalky soils and old vines, the 2019 Chardonnay Roza Hills is another medium-bodied, vibrant, yet still concentrated Chardonnay from this team. Stone fruits, white flowers, and sappy herb notes define the bulk of the aromatics, and it's medium-bodied, vibrant, and balanced on the palate. It shows the slightly cooler, fresher style of the vintage and is certainly one of the top whites from Washington in 2019.”

#### 92 Points, *Owen Bargreen-Vinous*

“Fresh and lithe, the 2019 Chardonnay Roza Hills is sourced from a high-elevation site in the Yakima Valley. Beautifully textured with good length, it delivers vanilla cream with shades of white peach, banana and baking spice-dusted-brioche on the palate. Gorgeous to consume now, this has another decade of life ahead of it.”

### VINEYARD

#### Roza Hills Vineyard (100%)

At an elevation of 1350 feet, Roza Hills Vineyard is located in a southern sloping bowl, on the south side of the Rattlesnake Hills. Planted in 1977, the majority of the vines are located in soils of loamy silt and chalk, with broken basalt chunks interspersed.

### WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Washington State

**Production:** 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster pressed, fermentation in 50% concrete tank / 50% French oak puncheons | 19 months barrel-aged on lees in 25% new French puncheons | 362 cases produced

**Wine Analysis:** 5.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.63 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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