



Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.

2023 Chardonnay - 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley	Blend: Chardonnay 99% Viognier 1%	Harvest Date: 9/20 - 10/10/23	Alcohol: 14%	Cases: 20,700
First Vintage: 1975		Aging: 25% barrel fermented in French Oak, aged on the lees for 6-8 months	pH: 3.50	UPC: 0-85798 01872-7
			TA: 5.6 g/L	SRP: \$23
			RS: 0.46 g/L	Closure: Stelvin



Our location in the southern end of the Alexander Valley is defined by the Russian River. Morning fog, warm days and daily diurnal temperature swings of 40 to 50 degrees provide the ideal growing conditions for our Chardonnay.

2023 began with heavy winter rainfall that delivered much needed moisture to the vines, followed by a long, cool growing season. Our Chardonnay harvest occurred about one month later than prior years, but the long hang time allowed for the development of rich flavors. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with balanced acidity and intense flavors.

We harvest 75% of our Chardonnay at night when the grapes are cool to retain the natural acidity, then cold ferment those lots in stainless steel, without malolactic fermentation or barrel aging, to highlight the citrus and green apple flavors. We whole-cluster press 25% of the best fruit and barrel ferment that portion in French oak barrels. The barrel fermented lots undergo secondary malolactic fermentation and age on the lees for six to eight months to develop roundness and body.

The 2023 is a full bodied, well balanced Chardonnay with loads of fresh fruit flavors. Aromas of apple, pear, vanilla along with floral notes and hint of oak from the minimal barrel aging fill the glass. Fresh fruit flavors of pear, apple, nectarine, juicy peach and tropical fruits along with slight citrus notes are balanced by the rich mouthfeel and slight minerality on the finish.

Profile:

Rich, yet balanced citrus & apple, lightly oaked.

Pairing Suggestions:

Perfect with shellfish, poultry, anything with a cream or citrus sauce.

Accolades:

- 2022: 91 points** - *Wine Enthusiast*
- 2021: 94 points** - *Tasting Panel*
- 2020: 96 points** - *Beverage Dynamics*

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