

2022 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Our 2022 Napa Valley Chardonnay opens with bright aromas of lemon curd, grapefruit, orange blossom, apple, and wet stone with hints of jasmine and vanilla. This Chardonnay is medium-bodied and balanced with flavors of honeysuckle, white peach, lemon zest, and hints of nutmeg and cardamom. The wine has a creamy mouthfeel with bright acidity leading to notes of lemon oil and a long finish.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

The 2022 vintage is one of exceptional quality. The growing season began with some heavy rains in late 2021, though the beginning of 2022 was very dry. With a cool spring, crop loads were slightly smaller than normal due to the drought conditions. The early part of the growing season was near ideal, with excellent spring and summer weather. A classic Labor Day heat wave pushed concentration and propelled the vintage to one of the most condensed with one of the earliest starts and finishes for Sequoia Grove. The 2022 vintage should prove to be a rich vintage of lush fruit and great complexity.

Our Chardonnay is meticulously hand-harvested in the cool morning hours. Upon arrival at the winery, the Chardonnay is whole-cluster pressed to tank and racked with all lees to barrel to begin native fermentation. The wine finishes primary fermentation in 100% French oak barrels, with one third in new French oak. The Chardonnay is then aged for 10 months on the lees where it undergoes bâtonnage (lees stirring) every two weeks until malolactic finishes completing the full natural process of the wine.

GRAPES

Nearly half of this Napa Valley Chardonnay is sourced from Haire Vineyard in Carneros. Haire has 30-year-old Wente and Robert Young clones planted specifically for Sequoia Grove. The other half is Dijon clones 95 and 96 from Cunat vineyard in Oak Knoll District. The combination of these clones and vineyard sources creates complexity in the finished wine.

WINE STATS

Cases produced: 3228
Alcohol: 14.1%
TA: 1.6 g/L
pH: 3.52

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Napa Valley

Oak: Aged 10 months sur lie in French Oak, 33% New

Bottling Date: September 2023