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Sonoma County Chardonnay 2021

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Estate-grown Chardonnay grapes from Sonoma Valley are blended with carefully selected fruit from Carneros, Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley to create a balanced and enjoyable wine. Grapes from each vineyard are handpicked in the cool of night to preserve delicate aromas, flavors and bracing acidity, and then fermented separately in either barrel or stainless steel. Barrels are stirred two or three times a week to enhance the wine's mouthfeel and toasty, complex characters. The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation to convert tart malic acid to soft lactic acid and then is aged before blending.

HARVEST NOTE

The 2021 harvest began just a little earlier than last year with the first fruit picked on August 18. Limited rainfall during the growing season produced slightly lighter crops but brought intense, concentrated flavor and color to the fruit. Free from lingering heat waves, the consistent weather during the summer months helped maintain fruit acidity for brightness and balance. Harvest continued through the middle of October when the last of the grapes were picked from the estate Lagomarsino Vineyard.

TASTING NOTE

This elegant wine presents butterscotch, baked apple and orange blossom aromas before bright flavors of D'Anjou pear, fresh apple, almond and Meyer lemon zest emerge. The creamy mouthfeel is balanced with refreshing minerality on the finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

GRAPES: 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ABV: 14.1%

AGING: 6 months in 100% French oak

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- A classic, buttery California Chardonnay
- Select fruit from the finest Chardonnay regions: Sonoma Valley, Carneros, Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley
- Chardonnay grapes are handpicked in the cool of night and rushed to the winery before dawn, to preserve delicate aromas, flavors and bracing acidity.
- A versatile pairing with chicken, crab or cream-sauce dishes



“With its perfect balance and seamless structure, this Chardonnay is a classic expression of Sonoma County.”
Katie Madigan, Winemaker