

2023 Chardonnay

Carneros | Napa Valley



The Wine

Our Chardonnay is barrel-fermented in mostly neutral French oak barrels, with the lees stirred weekly for the entirety of the 10 months the wine is in cask. This results in a bridge-style, sun-kissed California Chardonnay with mid-palate weight and a crisp, citrusy acidity. We make multiple picks from our five blocks to allow the different clones to present with the full range of their unique attributes. Natural malolactic fermentation enhances the wine's layered and nuanced profile, resulting in a style that is light, elegant, and pretty while maintaining enough weight and texture to feel serious and satisfying.

The 2023 Growing Season

The 2023 vintage is being celebrated as the "vintage of a lifetime." Napa Valley experienced one of its longest growing seasons in over a decade, with mild, consistent weather and above-average yields. The cool, steady temperatures of the summer allowed slow ripening, which enhanced both freshness and depth of flavor. The 2023 vintage is defined by its purity, elegance, and exceptional quality.

Tasting Notes

The 2023 Chardonnay shines with bright citrus, crisp green apple, and subtle tropical fruit notes, complemented by hints of delicate white flowers and creamy undertones. A touch of oak adds structure and balance without overpowering the fresh, sun-kissed character of the fruit. The wine's elegant acidity and silky texture make it versatile, approachable, and perfect for any occasion.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Carneros, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Honey B
Harvest Date	September 19 - October 24, 2023
Cooperage	Fermented and settled for 10 months in 20% new French oak
Bottling Date	August 27, 2024
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	5.2 g/L
pH	3.7
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	645 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Green apple, lemon zest, pineapple, orange blossom, pastry
Allocation	Public

Los Carneros Honey B Vineyard

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 23 total acres, 21 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

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Climate: Cool, with prevailing marine winds from the San Pablo Bay and through the Petaluma Gap to the west.

High temperatures during summer rarely exceed 80°F with less diurnal range.

Elevation: Sea level to 700 feet

Rainfall: Lowest in Napa Valley: up to 24 inches annually.

Soils: Clay dominated, very shallow in general, with more loam and hillside alluvials in the northern section. Yields typically are restrained by the hard clay pan subsoil, which prevents deep-rooting.

Vineyard Blocks: 12

Clones: 15, 17, 26.1, 45, 48, 169, 383, 470, 777, 809, Calera, Pommard, Robert Young, Swan, Wente

Varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewürztraminer

