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2022 Reserve Chardonnay, Estate Selection



Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Chardonnay.

Growing Season

The growing season of 2022 will ultimately be defined by the 5-day heat wave we experienced in early September. Thankfully, our crop was ready to be harvested. The heat condensed the time frame of harvest and the winery filled up quickly. Prior to the heat, the growing season in Carneros was highlighted only by its cool breezes and morning fog. With all of these factors combined, Bouchaine was able to capture the fresh acidity we know and love, while also extracting velvety structure and depth of flavor in the wines.

Vinification

Our intention is to create a concentrated, lush style of Chardonnay. That effort is checked somewhat by the leaner essence of Carneros. The crisp citrusy nature of the grapes denies the unctuousness associated with these stereotypical buttery-styled California wines. None the less, full malolactic, new oak barrel fermentation, and sur lie aging provides a rich contrast to our Estate Chardonnay and a fascinating exercise in wine styling.

Tasting Notes

Aged in select French oak, this wine is a barrel selection of our most elegant Chardonnay from the Estate. Aromas of white peach, pear tart, honeycomb, and hazelnuts greet the senses. The silky texture lingers, while notes of marzipan, nutmeg and stone fruits grace the finish. Its succulentness is a perfect complement to heartier dishes. Enjoy this wine with pork chops, seafood risotto, or halibut wrapped in prosciutto.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate blocks 20, 30, 40

Aging

10 months

Harvest Dates

September 5-14, 2022

Bottling Date

July 25, 2023

Maturation

100% barrel fermented,
33% new French oak

PH

3.36

TA

6.16 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.1%

Production

250 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$62

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