

2020 Chardonnay

Bennett Valley



The Vineyard

Located to the East of Santa Rosa, on high ground between the Sonoma Valley and Cotati Valley, Bennett Valley permits cool coastal fog and wind in the valley during the growing season. The the coolest Chardonnay AVA in Sonoma County. A Burgundy-lovers paradise in California, the wines in this area are feral, flinty, restrained, and full of tension.

Tasting Notes

The 2020 Chardonnay is Spell's inaugural Bennett Valley Chardonnay and was vinified in a manner heavily influenced by the Meursault school of winemaking—fermented in barrel to full-dryness, sur lie ageing, and extended elevage. What arrives in bottle is a decidedly Old-World leaning Chardonnay. A backbone of acidity races down the palate delivering notes of stone fruit, white flowers, and fresh cut hay, all while complexities of a cooling minerality, petrichor and flintiness round out the palate and complete the wine. A serious expression of cool-climate California Chardonnay.

Vinification

Harvest Dates: October 10, 2020

Vineyard: Frostwatch Vineyard

Oak: 100% French; 50% once used oak, 50% neutral

Alc: 14.1%

PH: 3.40

TA: 5.4 g/L

Bottled: March 18, 2022

50 Cases produced | Released April 25, 2022