

2021 Chardonnay

Russian River Valley



The Vineyard

Chardonnay from the Bennett Valley—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. Spell's inaugural Bennett Valley Chardonnay 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.

Tasting Notes

A beautiful, green-haloed Chardonnay The classic cool-climate nose is informed by notions of stone fruit, orange blossoms, and freshly cut hay. Dazzling acidity delivers a light to medium-bodied palate of tangerine and lemon curd, with echoes of red apple skin. As the satiny textures fan out on the finish, the complexities of marzipan, ginger, and sun-warmed fennel continue to echo and linger.

Vinification

Harvest Dates: October 11, 2021
Vineyard: Frostwatch Vineyard
Oak: 100% Once-used French Oak
Alc: 14.2%
PH: 3.42
TA: 6.6 g/L
Bottled: March 15, 2023

48 Cases produced | Released April 14, 2023