

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2023 MACAAMA RANCH CHARDONNAY

ALEXANDER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from the Macaama Ranch Vineyard located in the southern corner of Alexander Valley. This vineyard features felta clay loam - very gravelly, well-draining soils mixed with St. Helena ash and mixed volcanic rock. All the fruit came from Block 12 and is exclusively Chardonnay Clone 17.

VINTAGE

Minimal rainfall and mild temperatures contributed to drought-like conditions in Sonoma County. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of average. The summer was warm and dry with a few short heat spikes, resulting in long hang-time and beautifully ripened fruit.

WINEMAKING

Our Chardonnay is hand-picked and whole-cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks where the juice is cold-settled. After settling, it is racked off lees and transferred to French oak barrels (35% new) with regular stirring for added texture and mouthfeel. The wine undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation and is bottled after 16 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a nod to our Sonoma County heritage, offering baked apple and pear with accents of flower, buttercream and soft meringue. Elegant texture and concentration on the palate make this Chardonnay a terrific pairing for fresh Dungeness crab risotto or roasted chicken with creamy mushroom and garlic sauce.

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APPELLATION	Macaama Ranch, Alexander Valley
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
OAK	100% French oak, 35% new
AGING	16 months
ALCOHOL	14.4%
T.A.	5.85 g/L
PH	3.37

