



CHALK HILL

WINNER'S CIRCLE VINEYARD

2023 CHARDONNAY

Welcome to the Winner's Circle. This inaugural bottling of exceptional Chardonnay comes from the Winner's Circle Vineyard located in the picturesque Russian River Valley. The cool-climate coupled with Goldridge fine sandy loam soil is ideal for growing superior quality Chardonnay, and our 2023 is a stunning representation of that. We selected only the very best lots for this blend, using Winner Circle Block 5 Clone Mt. Eden 28 and 11 Clone Mt. Eden 28.

A long, rainy start to the growing season and cooler than average spring and summer temperatures allowed the grapes an extended hang-time, yielding full flavor development. After hand-picking the fruit was optically sorted and cold-soaked for 4-days. The juice was pumped-over 2-3 times per day, then once dry, it was drained, pressed, and barreled down to French oak (33% new) for malolactic fermentation and 9 months of aging. The resulting wine is packed with fresh fruit flavors - apple, pear, peach, honeydew melon, vanilla, and a touch of oak. The palate is crisp, bright and energetic with a long, juicy finish.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: OCTOBER 7, 2023

Average Yields: 5.164 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.8°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL

BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE DURING MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

Cooperage: FRENCH OAK, 33% NEW

Aging: 13 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% CHARDONNAY

Bottling date: JANUARY 7, 2025

pH: 3.37 *TA:* 6.0 G/L *Alcohol:* 14.9%

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