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## 2022 Reserve Chardonnay

**Production:** 304 cases

**Composition:** 100% Chardonnay

**Vineyards:** Napa Golf Associates, Dunlap, Chang, Bose, Stewart Ranch, Watson

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** Foothills about 500 ft, and rolling hills

**Cooperage:** 75% new barrels (Francois Freres, Bilon Acacia, Tonnellerie O Futaille, Orion Jupiter, Orion Neptune)

**Alcohol:** 14.5%, TA 5.7, pH 3.58

**Bottling date:** May 30, 2023

**Release date:** Winter 2024

**Release price:** \$65.00

The 2022 Reserve Chardonnay shows both its cool climate pedigree and the advantage that great sites have on Chardonnay character. The success of farming depends on the weather, and 2022 did not do us any favors. There was only 20” of winter rain, with some of that rain coming in March and May. It was already a tough year, with water restrictions and early bud break and bloom. However, we dodged the smoke and fire in Napa and Sonoma, though you could smell the smoke from the Klamath Fire and the Mosquito fire. Also strange were the very low nighttime temperatures in the mid- 40s in Mid-September and almost 2” of rain on September 18. After that, what grapes were left out had a nice break, with even weather – marine layer in the morning clearing to 80s and 90s in the afternoon, all the way into October.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:**

The 2022 Reserve Chardonnay offers savory aromas of brown butter, sage, baked apple and candied lemon peel. The palate is rich and smooth with a clean finish.