

HILL FAMILY

2023 "Carly's Cuvee" Chardonnay

Production: 1,205 cases
Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Vineyards: Watson, NGA, Dunlap, Stewart, Chang, Bose and Stewart Ranch
Elevation: Mostly rolling hills and hillside
Cooperage: 8 months in French oak barrels (Francois Freres and Nadalie)
Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 6.5, pH 3.56
Bottling date: April 2, 2024
Release date: Spring 2025
Release price: \$40.00

The 2023 Carly's Cuvee was made from a selection of Chardonnay vineyards that Doug Hill has close connections with or manages himself. Due to the focus and flexibility of Doug and Leslie's team, we were still able to harvest excellent Chardonnay from multiple sites to secure the layered expression Carly's Cuvee deserves. Made with no malolactic influence and only light oak, this crisp and fruity Chardonnay will please people looking for a wine that enhances food and holds its own out on the patio. Carly Hill is Doug and Darci Hill's daughter, and her contributions to Hill Family Estate are honored with this beautiful wine.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2023 Carly's Cuvee Chardonnay has a beautiful floral nose showing the versatility of the Chardonnay grape. Aromas of lemon blossom, ripe golden apple, and caramel circle the glass. On the palate, the wine shows excellent intensity and balance, with flavors of apple, coconut and toasted almond flavors. The underlying creamy texture gives Carly's luscious appeal, even though it has very little oak influence and no malolactic fermentation.