

HILL FAMILY

2023 Cuvée Charlotte

Production: 349 cases
Composition: 42% Viognier, 32% Semillon, 10% Sauvignon Blanc, 7% Muscat Blanc, 6% Albariño and 3% Muscat Canelli
Appellation: Napa Valley
Vineyards: Windy Flats and Watson
Elevation: 800 - 1,200 ft.
Cooperage: 5 months in 80% French oak barrels, 20% in stainless steel barrels
Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 7.6, pH 3.22
Bottling date: April 1, 2024
Release date: February 2025
Release price: \$47.00

The 2023 Cuvee Charlotte includes our most rich and aromatic white wines. Blended with Ryan and Nicole's daughter Charlotte in mind, the many fragrant flowers and fruity characters echo her many talents and interests (see if you can find the hidden horse on the label)! Viognier has a rich nectarine and tangerine influence, while Semillon carries lighter citrus notes, and Sauvignon Blanc has a lovely iris and honeysuckle aroma. Muscats have a lovely floaty appeal that draw a smile every time. We make the lots separately from each other and the Viognier (Delta Yeast) and Semillon (Pinot Alba Yeast) are barrel fermented in the cold chai to keep them crisp and interesting.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2023 Cuvée Charlotte is fresh, vibrant and floral with succulent citrus notes of lemon blossom, honeysuckle, and iris. The wine offers textured weight with juicy yellow apples, wax melon and citrus blossom notes. The palate surprises and delights with a fresh and lively mouthfeel that offers energetic acidity with even ripeness. This white blend will remain elegant for years to come!