

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

2022 NAPA VALLEY CARNEROS CHARDONNAY HUICHICA HILLS VINEYARD

This Chardonnay comes from the historic Huichica Hills Vineyard in the cool heart of Carneros. Grown in clay loam soils with ideal east-west row orientations, Huichica Hills' developed Chardonnay vines produce small clusters and berries, resulting in beautiful concentration and complexity. Fermented on the lees in the finest French oak, the result is a crisp, mineral-driven wine, alluring layers of Anjou pear, white nectarine and citrus blossom.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter and spring provided ample rain, which allowed the vines to set a generous crop with excellent canopies. Budbreak arrived a little over a week early, and we enjoyed warm, steady weather throughout spring and summer. We began picking Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, and some Merlot as early as mid-August, but the first big push began after a Labor Day heat event, when our generous canopies paid dividends, helping shade the grapes. After a busy few weeks, a cool spell allowed the remaining grapes time to mature. To counter the impact of modest mid-September rains, we applied a careful fruit drop, and were equally diligent during sorting. Overall, harvest lasted eleven weeks, delivering wines with excellent concentration, supple tannins, lovely finesse and dynamic acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This tantalizing wine draws you in with alluring aromas of white peach, jasmine and Key lime pie, with notions of graham cracker crust and pear blossom. The stone fruit and floral notes are echoed on the palate, which strikes a lively balance between energetic acidity and a silky mouthfeel as it glides to a lush finish, with hints of wet limestone minerality, lemongrass and caramelized French toast.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Carneros
SUB-APPELLATIONS	Napa Valley
VINEYARDS	Huichica Hills Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged for 10 months in 100% French oak 23% second vintage, 77% neutral
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION	22%
ALCOHOL	14.3%
pH	3.50
ACIDITY	0.51 g/100ml



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