



2022 Estate Chardonnay, Poseidon Vineyard

CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

HISTORY Poseidon Vineyard, located at the confluence of Carneros Creek and the Napa River, was planted in 1973 by the Molnar Family to the Burgundian varietals: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The maritime environment of the Carneros grape-growing season delivers cool, foggy mornings followed by warm days that slowly nurture ripening.

VINTAGE 2022 Throughout the North Coast, 2022 is regarded as a hot, dry, and fast harvest, with drought conditions and a brutal September heatwave followed by unusual rains wreaking havoc for many. Our Estate Vineyards' positions—one at the water's edge and the other at the highest elevation in the region—protected us from excessive heat and resulted in a very different story. An unusually small crop of chardonnay and pinot noir ripened early, well ahead of any concern of rain, and the water and warmth were welcome at Obsidian Ridge, resulting in an excellent crop of balanced, clean, and robustly flavored cabernet sauvignon.

WINEMAKING The fruit was pressed whole-cluster in small batches over the course of two weeks. A quarter of the juice was tank-fermented then aged in a single large oval cask. The remaining 75% was barrel-fermented and aged in large format 300L Kádár barrels, 20% new. Most barrels use a proprietary low-medium toast using low heat over longer duration. Partial malolactic fermentation was completed on a portion of the barrel-fermented lots to build up mouthfeel that helps to frame the natural acidity of the blend. The individual components of these wines were racked and blended just before bottling.

TASTING NOTES The vibrant acidity and intense fruit that this site is known for are on full display, along with the subtle influence of Hungarian oak on the roundness of the texture. For as crisp as this wine is, the mouthfeel is lush and full, and the flavors and finish are fruitful and complex.

BLEND 100% Chardonnay

ELEVATION Sea Level to 45'

ALCOHOL 13.5% **PH** 3.48 **TA** 6.33g/L

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COOPERAGE 9 Months in 20% New Kádár 300L barrels (75%) + one single 3,000L cask (25%)

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