

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2023 CHARDONNAY, OAK KNOLL DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The 2023 vintage is comprised of fruit from our estate vineyard and additional fruit from Trefethen, a neighboring vineyard.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON: The season began with an unusually wet winter, providing ample hydration for the vines. This was followed by a moderately warm spring and summer with minimal heat spikes, allowing for a slow and gentle ripening process. Harvest for Chardonnay started later, and the extended growing season and the slower ripening process contributed to high-quality fruit with beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity, and balance.

HARVEST DATE: September 25th and October 6th, 2023

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay (50% Bon Passe, 50% Trefethen)

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 10 months in Oak – 23% new: 100% French

WINEMAKING: 100% Barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine was aged sur lie and the lees were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 6 months of aging. The wine went through malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES: Subtle richness with balanced acid, our 2023 Chardonnay offers aromas of Barlett pear, vanilla, brioche and citrus blossom. The balanced palate exhibits flavors of crisp pear and apple, crème Brûlée, caramel and baking spices and a toasty finish. The wine has medium body with a subtle richness and a creamy finish. Drinks nicely now and will improve through 2028.

PRODUCTION: 827 cases