

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2021 ESTATE CHARDONNAY, BON PASSE VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. This is the third vintage that is 100% estate grown fruit.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON: Moderate winter temperatures led to a Chardonnay budbreak in early March at the estate Bon Passe Vineyard. The year saw consistent, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season, except for a brief heat spike in mid-June. Moderate temperatures continued as the fruit ripened, and warmer weather in late August and early September enabled us to harvest beautifully ripened fruit on September 10th.

HARVEST DATE: September 10, 2021

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay, Bon Passe Vineyard

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 10 months in Oak – 29% 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 native malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES: Subtly rich and vibrant, our 2021 Chardonnay offers aromas of fresh pear and apple, brioche, lemon curd, vanilla, and toasted oak, with subtle minerality. The beautifully balanced palate exhibits flavors of crisp pear, apple, and crème Brûlée. The wine has medium body with a subtle richness and balanced acid. The slightly higher percentage of toasted oak gives it a little more structure, but still preserving the fresher fruit character on the aroma with enticing notes of toasty oak. Drinks nicely now and will improve through 2026.

PRODUCTION: 322 cases

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