CHATEAU ST JEAN

2024 Maacama Ranch Chardonnay

ALEXANDER VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from the Maacama Ranch Vineyard located in the southern corner of Alexander Valley. This vineyard features felta clay loam - very gravelly, well-draining soils mixed with St. Helena ash and mixed volcanic rock. All the fruit came from Block 12 and is exclusively Chardonnay Clone 17.

VINTAGE

The 2024 growing season kicked off with cool spring temperatures. A few summer heat spells nudged the ripening along, while cool nights helped preserve acidity and freshness in the fruit. We picked our first grapes in mid-August and held a fast pace for the duration of harvest, bringing in the last of our fruit in early October.

WINEMAKING

Our Chardonnay is hand-picked and whole-cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks where the juice is cold-settled. After settling, it is racked off lees and transfered to French oak barrels (35% new) for fermentation with regular stirring for added texture and mouthfeel. The wine undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation and is bottled after 16 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2024 Maacama Chardonnay presents a delicate aromatic profile, blending classic notes of apple and pear with subtle citrus and tropical undertones, all complemented by elegant toasted oak. On the palate, the wine is soft and round, featuring lifted flavors of spiced candied ginger, lemon curd, and vanilla oak spice. It concludes with a persistent finish of baked pear and citrus, balanced by a touch of oak. This refined Chardonnay is an excellent match for savory Niçoise and Castelvetrano olives with goat cheese, creamy risotto with spring peas and pancetta, or scallops Provençal.

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APPELLATION	Maacama Ranch, Alexander Valley
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
OAK	100% French oak, 35% new
AGING	16 months
ALCOHOL	14.4%
T.A.	6.1 g/L
pH	3.49