

2023
APERTURE
CHENIN
BLANC

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WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2023 Chenin Blanc fruit is night-harvested from an old vine vineyard in the Clarksburg AVA on the Sacramento River. We lightly whole cluster press the fruit to a stainless steel tank where we let the juice chill at 50°F for two days to settle. On the third day, we clean-rack it to a smaller tank leaving the heavy sediment behind. We let the wine slowly start fermenting, keeping the temperature cool, below 56°F, to achieve freshness and preserve aromatics. The wine ferments in a mixture of vessels giving the wine a variety of textures from the stainless steel, cement, and neutral French oak. All lots are aged on the lees until blended together just prior to bottling.

The wine is placed in our cold barrel room to keep the fermentation cool and slow, maintaining freshness and bright aromatics. As the wine slowly ferments for an additional 3 weeks in barrel, we top and stir each barrel weekly. The wine stays in those same barrels for 6 months on lees.



— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**

APPELLATION

Clarksburg

VARIETAL

Chenin Blanc

BLEND

100% Chenin Blanc

BARREL PROGRAM

Aged 6 months
75% Stainless-Steel Barrels
20% Neutral French Oak
5% cement tank

ALC 12.2%

SUSTAINABLE VINEYARD

These heritage grapes from the Clarksburg vineyard benefit from naturally warm days and brisk, cool nights made possible by the "Delta Breeze" from the San Francisco Bay. These temperature gusts help create a long growing season and beautifully developed fruit.

SOIL TYPE | Silty Clay

The soils are rich, silty clay loam in a delta-like climate. This composition assists with nutrient uptake and water-holding capacity. The inclusion of silt helps with water retention.

ACCOLADES

"Raised mostly in stainless steel, but 20% in neutral French oak and a splash in 5% cement, the 2023 Chenin Blanc displays a bright yellow/silver hue and is floral and dewy, with fresh aromas of white blossoms, baby powder, starfruit, and candied citrus. Medium-bodied, it's bright through the finish, with an elegant, linear, and weightless feel. It's really pretty and never feels austere. Coming from vines planted in the 1940s, this is a very appealing wine to drink over the next 6-8 years."

93 points

-Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck