



2023 RESERVE Napa Valley Chardonnay, Linda Vista Vineyard

- Barrels were individually selected for the most pure and true to the beauty of the Linda Vista Vineyard.
- No new oak, no embellishment, just careful selection and gentle additional aging.
- The pH is 3.49, TA is 11.54, Alcohol is 12.5%, only 293 cases bottled.

The 2023 Reserve Chardonnay is just our third bottling of a Reserve Linda Vista. The long and cool 2023 growing season provided an additional three weeks of maturity for the grapes — without any loss of acidity or freshness — a perfect vintage for selecting a reserve wine.

The 2023 Reserve blend is comprised of just 12 barrels, individually selected from amongst all of the 2023 Linda Vista barrels for their character and purity. The wine was given an additional year in barrel in contact with primary lees to develop depth and body, as well as balance the natural acidity and bright apple/citrus notes.

The moderate alcohol and mouthwatering acidity that is a trademark of that vineyard is very much present, balanced by a luscious creaminess.

The Vineyard

The West Oak Knoll area where we live is one of the classic Chardonnay spots in Napa, going back to the 60s, when the climate here was considered too cool for full-bodied reds. The cool winds and clay soils here preserve zesty acidity and freshness, while the Napa sun provides richness and ripeness. Leasing the vineyard, taking it organic, and farming it ourselves gave us the control to feel comfortable producing a challenging and iconic variety like Chardonnay, where crafting “balance” means walking a razor’s edge in a genre with such iconic examples.

We leased the old Chardonnay (“Linda Vista”) vineyard behind our house and started farming it ourselves. We converted it to organic farming and got busy re-invigorating the beautiful old vines. The vines were originally planted in 1989 by Beringer, and we’re proud to take our turn caring for them as the vineyard reaches true maturity. The clay soils of marine origin provide zesty acidity and crunchy fresh flavors, and the vine age gives us beautiful texture.