

2022

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973

CHARDONNAY RESERVE NAPA VALLEY

The 2022 Reserve Chardonnay features a vibrant golden hue and a bouquet of spice-poached pears, ripe apple, honey, and a touch of vanilla. It boasts a rich texture with a creamy mid-palate and lively acidity. Well-balanced and refreshing, the long finish highlights notes of golden pear and apple.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

The Reserve Chardonnay comes exclusively from our estate-owned vineyards in the Carneros appellation of Napa Valley. Located at the southern edge of the valley, close to the San Pablo Bay, Carneros' cool climate and gently rolling landscape provides a pristine environment for Chardonnay. Four special sites behind the Reserve Chardonnay are farmed specifically to create opulent, flavorful, and long-lived Chardonnay wines.

The 2022 season was mild and even, with summer days characterized by moderate heat and steady ripening. Drought conditions persisted across Napa Valley, they allowed the vines to naturally control their vigor and yields, resulting in small, concentrated berries ideal for complex and long-lived Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING

As each vineyard reached ideal ripeness, the grapes were harvested overnight and pressed in whole clusters. The rapid harvesting and pressing process has a cumulative effect, retaining the grapes' inherent freshness and pure fruit flavors. The lots were 100% barrel fermented in French oak before 14-months of aging in a mix of large oak puncheons and French oak barrels. The wines were stirred intermittently while aging to create a Chardonnay with a soft, smooth texture and a perfect balance between ripe fruit flavors and refreshing acidity.



GRAPE VARIETY

100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS

100% Carneros, Napa: 54% Cuttings Wharf, 19% Foster, 16% Tinsley, 11% Milton Estate Vineyards

HARVEST DATES

August 16 – September 2, 2022

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL 13.8%

ACIDITY 0.62G/100 ml

PH 3.47

BOTTLE January 2023

AGING Aged for 14 months in French oak barrels

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