

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2022 Unoaked Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromatic and lively on the nose, the Unoaked Chardonnay represents Chardonnay in its purest form. Notes of pear, quince, and jasmine flowers jump from the glass. With a little aeration in the glass, hints of yellow apple and star fruit are discernible. Due to the extended aging on the lees and periodic stirring, the palate is rich and layered. The hint of jasmine flowers on the finish adds a complex and spicy quality that offers a wonderful closure to the palate. Fresh and vivacious, the wine offers many food pairing options from light appetizers to richer shellfish dishes.

THE VINEYARDS

The Chardonnay for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Allen, Lazy W Ranch, Olivet Lane, and our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard.

HARVEST 2022

The 2022 growing season experienced epic drought conditions, with the first half of the calendar year being one of the driest on record. Most of the rainfall came in November and December, saturating the soil, and setting the stage for the early part of the year. With a full soil moisture profile and moderate temperatures in the early spring, bud break started around historical average. Many frost nights ensued, which impacted early season growth and slowed down shoot elongation, creating some unevenness. The cool period in and around flowering further prolonged the flowering cycle and created a wide degree of variability. The unsettled weather in general ranged from cool temperatures to occasional rain showers to a freak hailstorm in early May. The remainder of the season was thankfully moderate, and harvest started on historical average in early August. The key to success in 2022 was the selective thinning of shoots and fruit to reduce the variation, tightening the window of ripening. Due to the complexities of the growing season, the wines show excellent structure and verve, with typical site specificity, and all in all a terrific vintage with aging potential.

TECHNICAL NOTES

pH: 3.41
TA: 0.62g/100mL
Alc: 14.1%
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\$45

