



2023 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Precision and elegance are the best words to describe this outstanding Chardonnay. Situated on a rocky knoll, this block of old Wente Chardonnay shines. Yellow pear and pear skin mix with subtle lemon and lime notes. Hints of fresh herbs add an interesting counterpoint to the nose. Flavors of yellow apple and pear are discernible on the palate, but this wine is about concentration and verve. Terrific acidity carries the flavors all the way to the back of the palate where the wine finishes with crushed minerals.

THE VINEYARD

The Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard is nestled in on the ridgeline between Eastside Road and Starr Road and has a wonderfully well drained sandy loam soil with interspersed stream gravel. Named in honor of John Dyson's grandfather, the vineyard has a moderate micro-climate and is perfectly suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, yielding wines with character and verve.

HARVEST 2023

We experienced a welcome sense of normality in 2023, after tumultuous weather patterns during previous growing seasons, including drought conditions, heat events, and hail. This vintage began auspiciously with historical average rainfall and modest temperatures at the start of bud break. Ample sunshine and early heat resulted in even growth of the canopies, creating uniformity and balance as the vines entered the flowering cycle. While it was similarly cool at the outset of 2011, the 2023 heat units built slowly, and the weather was ideal by May. The flowering period was quick, and the fruit set bountiful. The weather was perfect in June and July, with a few heat spikes that kept the plants healthy and sustained. Mid-season crop adjustments were necessary to ensure good vine balance as veraison approached. With the cooler start to the vintage and the normal fog pattern of August, the ripening cycle slowed, and the crop achieved ideal hang time for tannin development at modest sugars. Across the board, the wines exhibit terrific purity of character with excellent tannin resolution. While hot and dry years can create wines of shocking intensity, these cooler vintages showcase the elegant style of Williams Selyem.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 26% new, 22% 1yr., 26% 2 yr., 26% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.26

TA: 0.64g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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