



CHARDONNAY RESERVE

2022

WHITE GOLD

LILLOOET BC VQA

SKU: 541011



VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

100% Dry Creek Vineyard

The winter of 2021-22 was extremely cold with a record low temperature of -25.7°C on December 27th. Despite the cold, the vines showed minimal winter damage. The season started cool and bud break was 2 weeks later than normal. Summer was hot and dry with temperatures in the mid-to-high 30s. Luckily, the growing season extended well into the fall to ensure beautiful ripe fruit.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

With cool nights during ripening, the grapes were picked later in September at optimal ripeness. 50% were whole cluster pressed and 50% were crushed and destemmed and left on the skins for 4 hours before pressing, adding freshness and richness to the wine. Cold fermented with natural yeast, and then aged in carefully selected French oak barrels for 9 months. 30% of the barrels were new, 30% 2nd fill, and 40% were neutral. Partial malolactic fermentation took place, adding complexity to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, lemon zest, stone fruit, roasted nuts, and hints of honey blossom dominate the aromatic profile of our elegant White Gold. On the palate, it shows a rich, buttery mouthfeel, combined with a fresh acidity and well integrated oak. This full-bodied and well-balanced Chardonnay has a beautiful, long finish.

This wine is ready now, will peak by 2024 and can be aged till 2027. The ideal pairing is with decadent dishes such as lobster or bacon wrapped scallops. Or try with roasted cauliflower and halloumi cheese, a mushroom-based risotto, or roasted chicken.

TECH SPECS

Alc.: 13.0%
pH: 3.44
TA: 7.1 g/l
RS: 6.2 g/L
Vegan: Yes
Production: 375 cases

AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, select restaurants, retail stores and grocery stores in BC
UPC: 626990118510
Winery retail price: \$31.99 ex tax

ACCOLADES

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Los Angeles International Wine Competition 2024
Bronze medal: Decanter World Wine Awards 2024



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