



RIVERBENCH



2022 CHAPEL VIEW CHARDONNAY *Estate Grown & Bottled, Santa Maria Valley*

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay, Clone 4
HARVEST	October 3, 2022
COOPERAGE	35% New French Oak
COOPERS	TW Boswell
ACIDITY	T.A. 0.65 g/100mL
PH	3.39
ABV	13.2%
BOTTLED	August 31, 2023
PRODUCTION	275 cases
PRICE	\$42

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The old Sisquoc Chapel, a true landmark in Santa Maria which inspires the name of this wine, sits on a hill overlooking our Chapel View block. This part of the vineyard is one of the most picturesque, so the vines are extra happy. Tropical fruit flavors of pineapple and lime make this wine lively, and a touch of buttery toast adds some richness. Pair it with something simple, like burrata artichoke salad or roast chicken. Match it with something fancy, crab claws and drawn butter. Or pour a big glass to go with some popcorn and a movie. It's just that kinda wine.

2022 HARVEST

The 2022 growing season was filled with extreme highs and extreme lows. Dozens of frost events stretched from mid-February to early May, with little to no crop loss observed. Some sluggish growth in March and early April was somewhat remedied with four days in the 90s during the second week of April. The frosty spring gave way to historically average ripening conditions with veraison beginning around July 4th. Cluster counts resulted in 30-40% lighter than estimated yields in some varietals. In addition, a record-setting heat wave struck right in the middle of harvest causing sugar accumulation to spike, resulting in 3 weeks of maturation in less than 8 days. The heat gave way to rainfall, resulting in 2" of rain right in the middle of harvest. Fruit quality held up well with the heat and rain, but Brix and acids were not in their normal proportions.

