



RIVERBENCH



2023 BEDROCK CHARDONNAY

Estate Grown & Bottled, Santa Maria Valley

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| COMPOSITION | 100% Chardonnay, Clone 4 |
| HARVEST | October 2, 2023 |
| COOPERAGE | 100% Stainless Steel |
| ACIDITY | T.A. 0.68 g/100mL |
| PH | 3.4 |
| ABV | 12.0% |
| BOTTLED | August 21, 2024 |
| PRODUCTION | 200 cases |
| PRICE | \$30 |

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Chardonnay is truly one of the world's most versatile varieties, and we love showing it in all its various forms. Our version of the "no oak" trend is a standout representation of the purity of the Chardonnay grape. Bright, refreshing, and bursting with pure fruit character. Fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks, this vintage showcases lively notes of pineapple, lemon zest, and green apple, with a hint of minerality. Partial malolactic fermentation and time sur lies add a touch of richness, balancing the wine's crisp acidity. With aromas of white flowers and honeysuckle, this Chardonnay is perfect for brunch, poolside sipping, or pairing with grilled favorites.

2023 HARVEST

Vintage 2023 started off with above-average rainfall. Our vineyard received nearly 2.5 ft of rainfall from December to March, almost double the historical average. A large storm that passed through the area in early January, dropped 7+ inches of rainfall in a 24-hour period. Bud break was observed on February 27th, two weeks later than 2022 and one week later than 2021. The theme of "late" remained constant throughout the growing season. Bloom, set, and veraison were all 10-14 days later than the historical average. This was due in part to cooler spring and summer temperatures. The crop load was heavier than estimated in Pinot Noir and Chardonnay which also led to a longer ripening period. Our harvest period lasted from September 1st- October 18th. September weather provided steady ripening and great weather for our harvest crews. Seed and skin development outpaced Brix levels in most varieties which allowed us to harvest at slightly lower Brix than we do some years while maintaining quality.

