



# RIVERBENCH



## 2024 BEDROCK CHARDONNAY

*Estate Grown & Bottled, Santa Maria Valley*

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay, Clone 4
HARVEST	October 3, 2024
COOPERAGE	100% Stainless Steel
ACIDITY	T.A. 0.57 g/100mL
PH	3.5
ABV	13.2%
BOTTLED	August 22, 2025
PRODUCTION	150 cases
PRICE	\$30

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Chardonnay is one of the world's most versatile varietals, and we love highlighting its many expressions. Our take on the "no oak" trend is a vibrant showcase of the grape's purest form. Fermented entirely in stainless steel, this vintage is bright and refreshing, with lively notes of pineapple, lemon zest, and green apple, framed by a subtle minerality. Partial malolactic fermentation and extended time sur lies add a touch of creaminess, beautifully balancing the wine's crisp acidity. Aromas of white flowers and honeysuckle round out the profile, making this Chardonnay a perfect companion for brunch, poolside sipping, or your favorite grilled dishes.

### 2024 HARVEST

The 2024 vintage was a year of historically low yields, with exceptional quality driven by a cool spring, extended ripening, and low disease pressure in the summer. Bud break began during the last week of February, but a cool spring kept vine growth on a slow pace. Multiple early May frost events occurred, but no damage was noted to the vines or developing crop. June was another mild month putting vine development further behind, but had no affect on bloom or set. During the third week of July the first signs of veraison were observed, a full 2 weeks behind historical average. The first grapes harvested for Riverbench were Wente Clone Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier on August 26th, both of which were for sparkling wine. Yields were 20-40% lighter than historical average. The viticultural explanation was that the heavy crop cluster differentiation in the buds resulted in lower yields. Because of this, harvest was compact, lasting a little over 30 days which is 30% shorter than historical average. The last grapes for Riverbench were harvested on October 3rd.

