

Good Day Chardonnay

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2023



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine is elegant and inviting, showcasing an enticing blend of ripe apple and pear, followed by layers of lush peach and tropical passionfruit. The fruit-forward aromas are present on the palate and complemented by a subtle hint of buttery richness that adds roundness without overpowering the fresh fruit flavors. The acidity provides a clean finish that nicely balances the fruit and buttery richness.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our estate Eagle & Plow Vineyard in the acclaimed Horse Heaven Hills.

GROWING SEASON

The 2023 harvest was more normal than the past few vintages. We had a late start to spring bud break and had no extreme summer heat events. This led into an early harvest for white grapes, starting the day after Labor Day.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the very early hours of the morning so they would arrive to the winery cool. Once at the winery, the grapes went directly to the press where the juice was gently pressed away from the skins and allowed to cold settle for two days before racking off lees. It was inoculated with a Chardonnay Fermol yeast and allowed to ferment cool over 30 days. 100% of this blend was fermented in barrel to add rich mouthfeel and complexity. We inoculated a portion of the barrels for malolactic fermentation to help contribute to the creamy mouthfeel. All the barrels were hand stirred throughout malolactic fermentation, further adding to the roundness in the mouthfeel. This Chardonnay has 69% new French and 22% new American oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Alcohol: 14.2%

T.A: 0.59 g/100mL

pH: 3.75

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2022:

James Suckling - 90 pts

Paul Gregutt - 92 pts

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