



2022 BANFIELD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

The Banfield Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in Sonoma County. The original Zinfandel vines, still in production today, were planted by the Banfield family in 1880. The Chardonnay block was planted one hundred years later, but remains among the oldest Chardonnay plantings in the region. These 45-year-old vines continue to produce a tiny crop of Chardonnay that is the most intensely flavored and aromatic in the Arista portfolio.

The 2022 Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay is both beautifully balanced and strikingly intense. The entire Chardonnay block at Banfield is planted to the venerable "Old Wente" selection, and classic Old Wente descriptors of crème brûlée, lemon oil, and candied citrus are abundant in this wine. Those notes are brought into stark relief by the pronounced natural acidity this vineyard always provides. The finish is driven by a medley of flavors including citrus, orange marmalade, lime candy, spiced apples, honeysuckle, baking spices, and the characteristic caramelized sugar note that's become a hallmark of Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay.

Peak drinking window: 2025 through 2033.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay comes from the northern edge of the Green Valley, a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley. The location of this vineyard is ideal for growing Chardonnay due to the cooling influence of coastal fog. This dry farmed vineyard was planted in 1980 to the Wente Selection of Chardonnay, a highly prized selection of Chardonnay known for its small, loose clusters and intensely flavored grapes. The 40-year-old vines are rare in the Russian River Valley and produce lower yields per acre. What's lost in tonnage is more than compensated for in flavor and quality as is evidenced through the wines produced year after year. The combination of site and vine age represent a truly unique and distinct vineyard that we are proud to work with.



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