



2022 PERLI VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Mendocino Ridge

TASTING NOTES

Perched high above the Pacific Ocean on the Mendocino Coast at an elevation of 1,800 feet, Perli Vineyard is easily the most visually spectacular site that we utilize. The steep, 60% slopes face the ocean and provide expansive views of the Sonoma Coast just a couple of miles to the south, and the wines from this remote site share many of the characteristics of the famous vineyards that dot the ridge tops of the Sonoma Coast AVA just over the county line.

The 2022 edition of Perli Vineyard Chardonnay is a bright, steely wine with great citrusy verve. The initial aromatics of struck match and grilled lemon are joined by notes of white orchard fruit and panna cotta as the wine unwinds and opens in the glass. This wine is tightly wound with great structure and is poised to age beautifully for the next handful of years.

Peak drinking window: 2025 through 2030.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Perli Vineyard Chardonnay, originally planted in the late 1990's, sits high above the Mendocino Coast in the Mendocino Ridge Appellation. Surrounded by Redwood forests and rugged, mountain cliffs, the Perli Vineyard is easily one of the most dramatic vineyards we farm. At 2,200 feet above sea level and just 6 miles in from the Pacific Ocean, this unique site produces striking wines year in, year out. The combination of high elevation and coastal influence has a significant impact on how the grapes ripen and the ultimate flavor profile of the resulting wines. The elevation keeps the vineyard well above the near permanent, coastal fog layer which helps minimize moisture in the vineyard which in turn reduces the chance of mildew. At the same time, the steady breeze off the Pacific keeps the temperature relatively mild and further reduces moisture in the vineyard. Daytime highs during the growing season rarely exceed 80 degrees while nighttime lows generally hover in 50's. The narrow diurnal swing means the grape vines never full shut down to extreme daytime heat or nighttime lows. The coastal influence also affects annual production as cold spring temperatures, rain, fog, and wind often minimize fruit set and keep yields very low. The Perli Vineyard is truly a unique site in one of the most promising appellations in Northern California.

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