



2022 EL DIABLO VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

Perched on Windsor Ridge in the eastern part of the Russian River Valley appellation, the El Diablo Vineyard is a dramatic, east-facing site. This strategic positioning allows the vines to soak up the gentle morning sun while being shielded from summer's harsh afternoon heat, resulting in grapes that maintain a lively acidity while developing bold flavors. Our El Diablo Chardonnay is known for its linear mouthfeel and precision, and the 2022 edition lives up to that tradition.

The 2022 Arista El Diablo Vineyard Chardonnay exemplifies the outstanding quality of this vintage. Aromas of Asian pear, sweet cream, and lime zest are immediately evident on the nose, mingling with hints of mango and grilled pineapple. On the palate, the wine presents a harmonious acidity that delivers a refreshing zing, without ever veering into tartness. Barrel aging imparts a creamy texture and a delicate hint of caramelized sugar to the palate, adding depth without overwhelming the wine's elegance.

Peak drinking window: 2025 through 2035.

VINEYARD NOTES

Ulises Valdez planted the El Diablo Vineyard in 2008. The site is located on a ridge off Eastside Road and serves as the eastern edge of the Russian River Valley Appellation. The location of the site means that while each morning the vineyard is shrouded in fog, the marine layer burns off and the vines are able to soak in several hours of warm sunlight by early afternoon. Careful thought was put into both rootstock and clonal selection for the vineyard. Our blocks are planted to the Montrachet and Old Wente selections of Chardonnay, and are grafted to rootstock 420a. Row spacing is tight at 4x6 which helps to further reduce vigor and encourage competition for nutrients. The result is fairly low yielding vines that produce intense, flavor packed clusters. The two exceptional clone selections are perfectly matched to the climate of the Russian River Valley and, when planted to such an ideal site, can't help but give rise to a wine that seems to reach new levels of quality in each successive vintage.



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