

MARINE LAYER

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2023 ARIES

CHARDONNAY

**VARIETAL**

Chardonnay

VINTAGE

2023

ALCOHOL

13.0%

REGION

Sonoma Coast AVA

CLONES

Wente, Mt Eden,
Montrachet, Clone 76

VITICULTURAL AREA

The 2023 Aries Chardonnay is a thoughtfully crafted selection of barrels sourced from our premier single vineyard Chardonnays, showcasing the finest expressions from key sub-AVAs within the revered Sonoma Coast. Included are key vineyard sites in the Green Valley and Petaluma Gap sub-AVAs, complemented by our very own Marine Layer Vineyard Chardonnay nestled in the Sebastopol Hills. These sites, characterized by their foggy, cool evenings, distinctive microclimates, and varied soil compositions, collectively define the sought-after terroir of the Sonoma Coast. Bright and vibrant, yet mineral-driven and nuanced.

VINIFICATION

Hand-picked at night, whole cluster direct to press. Cold settled for 24 hours, then put into oak puncheon and barrel, 25% new. Cool native ferment at 58–60°F for 10–14 days. Spontaneous/native fermentation; the wine undergoes 100% malolactic. Gentle lees stirring once per month. After aging 11 months, the blend is assembled and racked gently to tank. Unfined and lightly filtered.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Aries Chardonnay dazzles with a bright pale straw color and lively aromas of lemon confit, jasmine, and a touch of almond. On the palate, it's a fresh burst of citrus, white peach, and lime leaves, with a clean mineral backbone. The wine is crisp and vibrant, its acidity keeping it sharp and focused, while a hint of graham cracker crust adds a layer of complexity from barrel aging. With its balanced tension and verve, the 2023 vintage delivers a refined, well-rounded experience that's both bright and structured. I

The 2023 Chardonnay Aries is a gorgeous appellation-level wine. Bright and focused, with notable tension, the 2023 is seriously impressive. Lemon confit, marzipan, white flowers and chalk all race out the glass. The energy of the vintage shines. This is such a classy wine. – Antonio Galloni, Vinous

92 points



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