HESS

FAMILY OWNED - EST. 1978

CHARDONNAY CALIFORNIA 2023

SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED



APPELLATION: California

AGING: 70% Stainless steel 30% French Oak

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

HESS SELECT WINES

Hess Select wines are sourced from grower families throughout California who share the guiding principle that our founder, Donald Hess, instilled in our family business: "nurture the land and return what you take." We strive to make the very best wines that elevate the everyday and honor our family legacy.

HESS SELECT CHARDONNAY

Chardonnay, one of the most popular white wine grapes grown in California, offers a diverse range of styles influenced by its terroir and winemaking techniques. In the coastal regions where the climate is cooler, Chardonnay grapes produce crisp, citrusy flavors and aromas. While in the warmer inland valley regions of California, Chardonnay develops rounder, richer flavors. We search throughout California for quality vineyard growing sites that will create this classic, well-balanced white wine.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

As a classic California Chardonnay, this wine offers tropical aromas of grilled pineapple, a hint of lemon zest, and subtle oak. Hess Select Chardonnay is medium-bodied with layered flavors of sliced peaches and golden delicious apples, finishing crisp and clean with well-balanced acid. Maritime influences in the vineyard bring bright acidity; 30% oak fermentation adds and a creamy crème brûlée like finish.

2023 VINTAGE

Vintage 2023 was characterized as one of the longest growing seasons in a decade. The mild weather led to above-average crop yields. The heavy winter rains resulted in ideal conditions with full reservoirs, and saturated soils. Winter rains gave the vines much needed hydration as they woke from dormancy. Thanks to the cooler season, this wine will be bright and fresh.