



THE HESS COLLECTION
MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

2023 | NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY



HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM NAPA VALLEY

Though just 30 miles long and a few miles wide, Napa Valley is home to diverse micro-climates and soils uniquely suited to wine grape growing. It is considered one of the premier wine regions in the world, and for our Napa Valley wines, we look to our estate vineyards and select growers throughout the valley to source the very best wine grapes. Hess Collection wines are family owned, sustainably farmed and dedicated to reflecting a true sense of place. Our wines are recognizable for their elegant, rich and complex flavors with a tradition of excellence.

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

The San Pablo Bay brings morning fog and cool breezes to southern Napa Valley creating one of the coolest growing regions within Napa. This weather influence is responsible for our Chardonnay grapes maintaining well balanced acidity and moderate sugar levels. Our Napa Valley Chardonnay vineyard sites are chosen for their diverse selection of Chardonnay plantings and well-drained soils, giving winemaker Stephanie Pope a veritable spice rack to choose from to add layers of complex flavors to the wine.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

To showcase the exquisite structure of our Napa Valley Chardonnay, we barrel-ferment this wine for 9 months in 30% new French oak, enhancing the freshnotes of honeyed stone fruits, melon and white peach. During aging, we stirred the wine on its lees, adding depth and roundness. Hess Collection Napa Valley Chardonnay features enticing aromas of green apple that blend seamlessly with elegant creaminess, culminating in a delightful finish of subtle vanilla, toasted almond, and toffee.

Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2023 is characterized as one of the longest growing seasons in a decade. The mild weather lead to above-average crop yields. With all of the heavy winter rains, the reservoirs were full and soils saturated. The winter rains gave the vines much needed hydration as they woke up from their dormant winter. Cool weather and sunshine enabled a slow maturity for deep vibrant flavors.

- BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay
- ALCOHOL:** 14.2%
- PH:** 3.45
- TA:** .54 gm/100 ml
- COOPERAGE:** 9 months in French oak, 30% new
- HARVESTED:** Oct. 4 - 16, 2023
- RELEASED:** November, 2024

The Hess Collection is certified California Sustainable Winery

