



2022 Moniker Chardonnay

La Ribera Vineyard



Vintage

Ideal weather and growing conditions marked the start of the growing season with a cool spring and mild temperatures. Flowering and bud break occurred at the normal time and weather conditions remained steady through early summer. In late August mother nature threw in some curve balls with a Labor Day heat wave, accelerating harvest for some varietals, followed by two-to-three inches of rain, pushing back harvest for others. Highly concentrated, well-structured wines will be the hallmark of the 2022 year.

The Vineyard

Located at the southern end of Ukiah Valley, bounded by the Mayacamas Mountains on the east and the Russian River to the west, La Ribera Vineyard is one of the earliest vineyards in the region to mature. Warm summer temperatures are moderated by the river and riparian zone, ensuring the retention of natural acidity and freshness in the grapes. The soil composition, a blend of base rock from the Mayacamas and fast-draining Pinole topsoil enriched with sand, gravel, and light clay, creates an ideal medium for cultivation. This unique blend of soil components and location contributes to the vineyard's reputation for producing bright, aromatic fruit that authentically reflects its surrounding terroir.

Winemaker Notes

Fresh and fruit-forward with pronounced aromas of stone fruit and zesty golden apple, complimented by subtle notes of lemon, honeysuckle, and graham cracker. A medium weight wine that strikes a pleasing equilibrium between crisp peach and apricot flavors and the vanilla cream from barrel ageing. A versatile and food friendly Chardonnay.

Technical Notes

Appellation:	Mendocino County
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Cooperage:	French and Hungarian Oak
Alcohol:	14.5%
TA:	5.9 g/L
pH:	3.29
Cases Produced:	2,828
Release Date:	June 2023
Winemaker:	Virginia Usher