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ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED | DUNNIGAN HILLS

THE ARSONIST

2023 CHARDONNAY

The Wine

Rich, bold, and unapologetically indulgent, the 2023 Arsonist Chardonnay is a masterclass in balance and elegance. The striking green-straw hue invites you into layers of opulent flavors—butterscotch, warm caramel, and creamy custard. On the palate, this wine is lush and buttery, coating the mouth with its luxurious texture while a crisp apple note cuts through, keeping things fresh and lively. The bright, clean finish lingers. Not subtle, not shy, this is a Chardonnay with character. Perfect alongside grilled pork chops, seafood in butter sauce, or simply on its own as a moment of pure indulgence.

The Cellar

We harvest our Chardonnay clones 4 and 124 (Dijon) at night. The estate fruit went from vine to crusher in less than 30 minutes, arriving well before sunrise to ensure the fresh, fruit flavors were preserved. A carefully chosen yeast cocktail—our winemaker's hand-selected mix – ensures that complex fermentation characters evolve. The wine was fermented and aged in a selection of American and European oak including grand, towering Foudrierie Francois barrels, where it takes on those signature notes of butterscotch and toasted caramel. Five percent ferments in cement eggs, an old-world nod to purity, allowing the fruit's vibrancy to shine through. Every barrel goes through malolactic fermentation, coaxed along with nine months of dedicated stirring to build texture and richness. The best 10%—the true standouts—earn an extra five months of careful aging, stirred and scrutinized until only the finest half make the final cut. The result is a Chardonnay that is both bold and finessed, rich yet fresh.

The Aging

60 hectoliter rounds | Foudrierie Francois
Concrete eggs | Sonoma Cast Stone

The Accolades

2022 | 90 points - Blue Lifestyle
2021 | 91 points - Blue Lifestyle
91 points - Wine Enthusiast
2019 | 91 Points - Blue Lifestyle
2014-2019 | rated 90+ points



Appellation

Dunnigan Hills, Estate Bottled

Vineyards

100% Matchbook, Estate Grown

Blend

100% Chardonnay

TA **pH**

5.07 g/100 ml 3.98

Alcohol

13.9%

Production

5,913 cases



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