



2022 GRAND SKY VINEYARD

Chardonnay, Carneros, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Grand Sky Vineyard sits along the northern tip of Carneros as you enter Congress Valley. The incredible vista is the inspiration for the vineyard's name—Grand Sky. The rolling and dramatic hills are composed of well-drained soils from the Great Valley soil sequence, ranging between 66 million years to 145 million years old. The vineyard's location and cool climate allow for slow, even ripening, producing a wine that is both fruity and well-balanced with structured acidity.

HARVEST NOTES

The beginning of the 2022 growing season was exceptionally mild, with budbreak kicking off in March. By May, the vines began to demonstrate strong shoot growth and average crop yields ahead of veraison in mid-July. While we welcomed a few heat spikes during the summer months, our proactive approach to vineyard management allowed us to not be negatively impacted and we maintained great quality through heat mitigation preparation, including the use of shade cloths and misting systems, among others. Our first day of harvest kicked off on September 2nd. As the grapes were harvested, the wine showed excellent balanced acidity and freshness with great flavors.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Our inaugural vintage of single-vineyard chardonnay from Grand Sky Vineyard entices the senses with intense aromas of tropical fruit, lemon zest, and fresh pear. The palate is rich and engaging, filled with bright flavors of wildflower honey, green apple, and nutmeg. Firm acidity provides a bright finish of citrus and graceful minerality.

APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

AGING

French oak barrels
(30% new, 70% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

HARVEST DATES

September 2nd & 6th, 2022

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed
barrel fermented (no ML)

TIME

10 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2022