

2021 Chardonnay Honey B Vineyard

Variety	100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date	October 1-15, 2021
Oak Profile	Fermented and settled for 10 months in 20% new French oak
Bottling Date	August 20, 2022
Production	1,885 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Green Apple, Lemon Curd, Creme Fraiche, Honeysuckle, Caramel
Structure	Refined and elegant with defined acidity and a long finish
Allocation	Public and Wholesale
Winery Direct	\$50.00



Chardonnay is one of the most versatile white wines which is why I enjoy making it! Whether you're looking for a pool side summer sipper or a prelude to a multi-course meal, our Chardonnay can match all lifestyles. We barrel ferment in mostly neutral French oak barrels and gently stir the lees weekly for the entirety of the 10 months the wine is in cask. This results in a bridge-style sun-kissed California Chardonnay with mid-palate weight and a crisp, citrusy acidity. We make multiple picks from our five blocks to allow the different clones to present with the full range of their unique attributes. We encourage malolactic fermentation to start naturally which takes longer but makes for a more layered and nuanced profile. My goal is to create a Chardonnay that can feel light, elegant and pretty while also having enough weight and texture to be serious.

-Michael Baldacci

The 2021 vintage was a personal milestone for me as it marked a decade at the winery. My goal with this vintage was to convey a serious and elegant expression of the grape varieties and terroir that we work with throughout Napa Valley's diverse AVAs. A smooth growing season with low precipitation yielded smaller grapes with intensely concentrated flavors and smaller yields per vine. Quality was high across the board and the wines are approachable and complex now, with the concentration and structure to age.

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Los Carneros Honey B Vineyard

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 23 total acres, 21 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

Vineyard Name: Honey B Vineyard

Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Climate: Cool, with prevailing marine winds from the San Pablo Bay and through the Petaluma Gap to the west. High temperatures during summer rarely exceed 80°F with less diurnal range.

Elevation: Sea level to 700 feet

Rainfall: Lowest in Napa Valley: up to 24 inches annually.

Soils: Clay dominated, very shallow in general, with more loam and hillside alluvials in the northern section. Yields typically are restrained by the hard clay pan subsoil, which prevents deep-rooting.

Vineyard Blocks: 12

Clones: 15, 17, 26.1, 45, 48, 169, 383, 470, 777, 809, Calera, Pommard, Robert Young, Swan, Wente

Varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewürztraminer

