

2022 PLUMPJACK RESERVE CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY



VARIETALS
100% Chardonnay



ALCOHOL
14.2%



PRODUCTION
4,404 cases



PLUMPJACK
WINERY

WINEMAKER
Aaron Miller

AVA
Napa Valley

VINTAGE

Napa Valley received well below average rainfall in 2022, though the rain blew in when we needed it most, so the vines had sufficient water for healthy growth and grape development. The spring was warm, and the summer was somewhat erratic, with cool and warm periods. We had a heat spike in late summer that pushed ripening ahead by two to three weeks, resulting in an early harvest.

VINEYARD

Our Chardonnay grapes are grown in two vineyards in Napa Valley – one in Los Carneros and the other in St. Helena. Just 30 miles apart, Los Carneros can be 10–15° cooler than St. Helena. Due to this difference and other important differences, such as soil type, these two vineyard sites vary significantly in character and expression. When blended, these differences in expression add layer upon layer of flavor to the nose and palate, creating a beautiful and complex Chardonnay.

FERMENTATION & AGING

Our Reserve Chardonnay was fermented and aged in 66% stainless steel tanks and 34% French oak Burgundy barrels. Cool fermentations (52–54°F) preserve the fresh fruit aromatics. The stainless steel tanks help retain the fresh, varietal character, while the oak adds depth, texture, and complexity. We do not allow this wine to undergo malolactic fermentation to preserve the fresh aromatics and vibrant, lively acid.

IMPRESSIONS

The 2022 PlumpJack Reserve Chardonnay is a gorgeous, multi-faceted wine. The nose delivers layers of aromas—apple, baked pear, and lemon curd mingle with white peach, apricot, and honeysuckle with a dash of nutmeg and cinnamon just beneath the fruit. The palate is energetic and dynamic, beginning with a rich, mouth-filling texture reminiscent of lemon curd, followed by bright acidity that evokes lemon zest and honey-crisp apples. Finally, the beautiful acidity pulls the wine through the back of the palate, creating a long, structured finish.