



2021 Pratt Vine Hill Chardonnay

This lovely vineyard in the Laguna Ridge neighborhood of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley has soils that remind one of a moonscape. It has some of the whitest soil in the region; it is very sandy, broken down Goldridge soil. The clones are Mt Eden 28, Robert Young, clone 17 and a French clone 96.

The decision came as a result of Kathleen's preference for the leaner more elegant Chardonnays of Chablis and Meursault, and a personal challenge from her husband to see if she could create a Russian River Valley wine with bright acidity, little or no tropical fruit flavors, and a creamy texture from malolactic fermentation without the cloying butteriness so often found in 100% MLF Chardonnays.

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Fruit Source: Pratt Vine Hill Vineyard, Certified Sustainable

Tasting Notes

Color: Pale Straw

Aroma: Asian pear, nutmeg, honeysuckle, jasmine, and toasted almonds

Flavors: Juicy crisp apples, pear and lemon peel accompany delicate secondary notes of toasted nuts, kefir lime and minerals. It has a rich texture with a crisp finish and plenty of tart acidity.

Winemaker Notes

A combination of 40% new air-dried Vosges Oak barrels from Cadus and 60% small stainless steel barrels were used as fermentation vessels. The wine was left to ferment using native yeast, and completed malolactic fermentation in all barrels using only native bacteria. Each barrel was stirred weekly until malolactic was complete and monthly thereafter. The wine remained on its gross lees throughout the aging process and was crossflow filtered before bottling under Stelvin closure.

Case Production: 248

VINTAGE
2021
VARIETAL
Chardonnay
HARVEST DATE
September 2021
TA
6.0
PH
3.4
AGING
French Oak
40% New
BOTTLING DATES
July 2022
RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.04
ALCOHOL
14.5%

INMAN
Family