



Chardonnay 2021
Spanish Springs Vineyard • San Luis Obispo Coast



Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay
Clones: 809, 17, 96
Vineyard: Spanish Springs
Appellation: San Luis Obispo Coast AVA
Location: Price Canyon, 1.5 miles east of the Pismo Beach
Soils: Marine shale, limestone, sandstone, fossilized shells
Climate: Coolest climate in California, coastal fog
Growing degree days: 2,018
Harvest dates: 9/2, 9/11, 9/16, 9/18/2021
Bottling date: May 10, 2022
Alcohol: 13.6%
Production: 537 cases
Bottle size: 750ml, 12pk (489 cases) and 1.5L (48 cases)
Winemaker: Marbue Marke
Vintner: Rachel Martin

Certifications:

National Women's Business Enterprise, Certified by WBENC
Sustainability in Practice, Certified by SIP
Vegan, Certified by BevVeg

Winemaking Notes:

Vinification: Cold barrel fermentation
Barrels Type: 228-L Burgundy/French oak barrels and 500-L French Oak Puncheons
Barrel Forest: Allier, Vosges, Tronçais, COF
Barrel Toasts: M, M+
Cooperages: Francois Freres, Cadus, Billon, Taransaud
Primary Fermentation: 100% inoculated with *saccharomyces cerevisiae*
Secondary Fermentation: 0%
Aging: 9 months in 228L - Burgundy French oak barrels and 500-L French Oak Puncheons

Vintage Summary:

San Luis Obispo's vintners reported a "dream vintage," characterized by a cool growing season and only one heat spike in mid-June. The lack of heat events and moderate, cool weather in September and October made the window of opportunity much longer for picking at optimal grape maturity. Due to the cool growing season, 2021 was one of the latest harvests in recent memory. Yields were average to above average in size. Long hang time on the vines resulted in concentrated flavors and above average acidity and quality is outstanding.

Tasting Notes

A bright nose of gardenias, jasmine, peach, lime, quince, green mango, and lemongrass. A fresh lime attack leads to a juicy mouth of apricot, nectarine, grapefruit, kiwi and tangerine. A long refreshing meyer lemon aftertaste lingers.

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