



Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.

2024 Chardonnay - 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley	Blend: Chardonnay 99% Viognier 1%	Harvest Date: 9/4 - 9/27/24	Alcohol: 14% pH: 3.63 TA: 5.6 g/L RS: 1.28 g/L	Cases: 21,422 UPC: 0-85798 01872-7 SRP: \$23 Closure: Stelvin
First Vintage: 1975		Aging: 30% barrel fermented in French Oak, aged on the lees for 6-8 months		

Our location in the southern end of the Alexander Valley is defined by the Russian River. Morning fog, warm days, and daily diurnal temperature swings of 40 to 50 degrees provide the ideal growing conditions for our Chardonnay.

2024 may well be one of the best vintages in the past fifty years. Abundant winter rainfall, a cool spring, and warm temperatures during the peak growing season combined with late summer mild temperatures and cool nights enabled the grapes to achieve a beautiful balance of high acidity and layered flavors at harvest in early September.

We harvest 70% of our Chardonnay at night when the grapes are cool to retain the natural acidity, then cold ferment those lots in stainless steel, without malolactic fermentation or barrel aging, to highlight the citrus and green apple flavors. We whole-cluster press 30% of the best fruit and barrel ferment that portion in French oak barrels. The barrel fermented lots undergo secondary malolactic fermentation and age on the lees for six to eight months to develop roundness and body.

The 2024 is a full-bodied Chardonnay that showcases our vineyard site and winemaking style. Aromas of apple, pear, vanilla along with floral notes and hint of oak from the minimal barrel aging fill the glass. Bright flavors of pear, apple, nectarine, juicy peach, and tropical fruits along with slight citrus notes are balanced by the rich mouthfeel and slight minerality on the finish.

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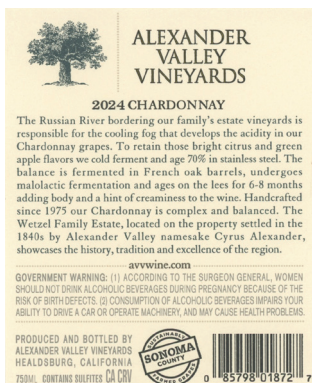
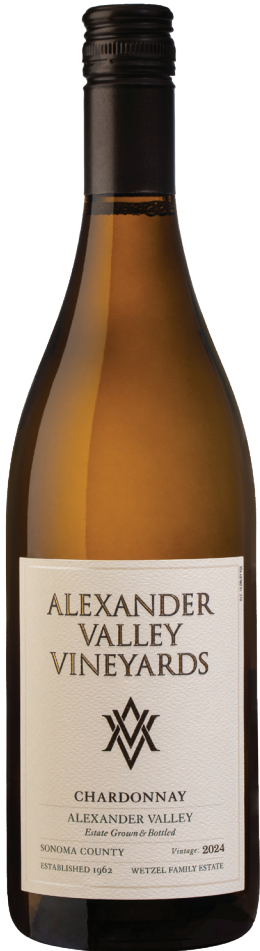
Bright, balanced & rich- everything you want in a California Chardonnay!

Pairing Suggestions:

Perfect with shellfish, poultry, anything with a cream or citrus sauce.

Prior Accolades:

- 2023: 96 points** - Beverage Dynamics
- 2023: 92 points** - Tasting Panel
- 2022: 92 points** - Decanter World Wine Awards
- 2021: 94 points** - Tasting Panel



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