



ROAR

2022 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

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Rosella's Vineyard is the first property we planted to vine, and is the northernmost of our vineyards. Planted in 1996, it wraps around our family home and is named for Rosella, Gary's wife. Its rows are often laced with fog and plush lemon trees flank its western edge. The sandy loam soil allows good drainage, encouraging deep vine roots that add complexity in the wines. Our wines from Rosella's Vineyard are known for their expressive aromatics and smooth suppleness on the palate.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Rosella's Vineyard is our northernmost vineyard in the region, and the last of the Chardonnay grapes harvested each vintage. Steady, even ripening provides loads of phenolic ripeness and viscosity on the palate. This vintage is unctuous and laced with herbs and citrus flavors, mainly orange with grapefruit zest, revealing a pleasing and lush mouthfeel.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2022 season began with another unusually dry winter in the Highlands. We received 7.5 inches of rain, below our average of 10-14. Each seasonal marker came early, from bud break to veraison and then harvest, about two weeks ahead of "normal." For us and for growers across the Santa Lucia Highlands, the crop was light and produced less wine, but once again we're thrilled with the quality and structure that will lead to long aging potential. The wines showcase a feminine quality with our signature bright, fruit-forward flavors and beautiful texture.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)

Harvest: Sept. 17 - Oct. 2, 2022

Oak: 100% French oak, 44% new

Aging: 15 months in barrel

Alcohol: 14.8%

Acid: 3.45 pH

Production: 296 cases made

2022: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*

2021: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*

2020: 94 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*

2019: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*

2018: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*

2017: 94 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*

2016: 94 pts, *Jeb Dunnock*