

Karia Chardonnay, Stag's Leap

Napa Valley, United states



Product code	SL10ZZWC
Grapes	Chardonnay
Country	US
ABV%	14.5
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars
Vintage	2022



Vegan



Vegetarian



STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

Producer

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is a Napa Valley estate rooted in the legends of the Stags Leap District and Napa Valley's ascent to global wine recognition. Stag's Leap Wine Cellars was established in 1970 with the purchase of the S.L.V. vineyard. Only six years later, the 1973 S.L.V. Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was awarded the highest honor at the Judgment of Paris blind tasting, besting First Growth Bordeaux Chateaux. This achievement solidified Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and the Napa Valley as places that crafted world-class wines. Today, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is a quality benchmark for California Cabernet Sauvignon. It offers unrivaled Napa Valley wine experiences where guests enjoy first-rate hospitality and expansive vineyard overlooks that are perfectly paired with some of the most widely-recognized and coveted Napa Valley wines in the world.

Tasting Notes

"This is a graceful Chardonnay with fragrant aromas of ripe mango, honeydew melon and peach along with hints of key lime pie, apple and floral notes. This medium-bodied wine has a bright and flavorful mouthfeel full of fruit and a touch of creamy vanilla spice, leading to a lasting citrus and melon finish."

Viticulture

KARIA comes from a tapestry of vineyards in the southern part of Napa Valley. For the 2021 offering, vineyards in the Atlas Peak District (36%), Carneros (28%), Coombsville (17%) and Oak Knoll (10%) contributed fruit for this wine. The vineyards in Carneros (Beckstoffer Las Amigas and Carneros Creek), which are cooled in the mornings and evenings by breezes sweeping north from San Pablo Bay, contribute citrus and mineral notes to the wine. ARCADIA VINEYARD brings perfume and delicate fruit characters. The Oak Knoll vineyards (our estate vineyard DANIKA RANCH and Bravo

Zulu) provide bright, juicy apple and pear personality to the blend. Atlas Peak fruit adds a lemon/lime citrus character and a richer mouthfeel. The grapes for this wine were picked early in the morning to keep them cool and then they were whole cluster pressed to preserve freshness. 48% of the wine was fermented with native yeasts. Oak and malolactic fermentation were used in moderation to accent, rather than overwhelm, the fruit.

Winemaking

KARIA comes from a tapestry of vineyards in the southern part of Napa Valley. For the 2022 vintage, vineyards in the Atlas Peak District (43%), Carneros (32%), Coombsville (14%) and Oak Knoll (11%) contributed fruit for this wine. The vineyards in Carneros (Beckstoer Las Amigas and Carneros Creek), which are cooled in the mornings and evenings by breezes sweeping north from San Pablo Bay, contribute citrus and mineral notes to the wine. ARCADIA VINEYARD brings perfume and delicate fruit characters. The Oak Knoll vineyards (our estate vineyard DANIKA RANCH and Bravo Zulu) provide bright, juicy apple and pear personality to the blend. Atlas Peak fruit adds a lemon/lime citrus character and a richer mouthfeel. The grapes for this wine were picked early in the morning to keep them cool and then they were whole cluster pressed to preserve freshness. Oak and malolactic fermentation were used in moderation to accent, rather than overwhelm, the fruit. Blend: 100% Chardonnay Aging: 9 months sur lies 35% new French oak, 61% older French oak, 4% stainless steel.

Awards

"Buttery aromas and flavors infuse this full-bodied, nicely fruity wine as mild lemon and pineapple flavors are coated with lactic notes. A creamy texture and butterscotch finish add to its appealing richness."

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