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WINE MERCHANTS

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	2024

Vegan Vegetarian

STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

Producer

Established in 1970 with the purchase of the S.L.V. vineyard, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is a defining estate of the Stags Leap District. Its international reputation was sealed in 1976 when the 1973 S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon won the Judgment of Paris, helping to cement Napa Valley's global standing. Today the estate remains a benchmark for site-driven Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 oering, 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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