

RED SOIL GOLD!



2022 RESERVE CHARDONNAY

SONOMA VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

“RED SOIL GROWN” FOR OVER 125 YEARS



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My immigrant grandfather Samuele learned winemaking at La Chertosa di Farneta, the fourteenth century monastery near Lucca, Italy. There the soils are red, the terrain gently sloping and the growing season warm and temperate. Sonoma Valley has all these attributes as well, making it an ideal location to recreate the flavors of the “Old World.” In this acclaimed Chardonnay, tones of buttery oak barrels, notes of crisp apple and sur lees aging elegantly combine to tantalize the palate.

CONTAINS SULFITES

WINE FACTS			
Alc:	14.8%	TA:	1.8 g/L
RS:	1.2 g/L	pH:	3.62
580 Cases Produced			

- To create this 2022 **Chardonnay**, a wine of incredible finesse and elegance, two blocks on the **Wildwood Vineyards** in Sonoma Valley were hand harvested and the grapes delivered in perfect condition.
- The grapes were whole cluster pressed, and then they settled and fermented in French oak barrels, 30% of which were brand new. Ten months of barrel aging followed which gave the wine rich notes of almonds and oak.
- Weekly stirring of the lees while in the barrels encouraged a mouth feel of heightened viscosity and texture. The individual characteristic from these two blocks developed into a unique blend of richness and ripeness, and the resulting wine possesses a silky texture with an ideal balance of acidity, sugar, and ripe fruit flavors.
- This wine is elegant now and will evolve into a creamier style of **Chardonnay** with emphasized notes of oak, vanilla, butterscotch, and toast as it ages in the bottle.
- This wine is a fine example of the success that can be achieved by blending multiple blocks of grapes. I like using different blocks to create a melody: By mixing blocks together, we are trying to find flavor tunes that have more harmonics in them. These added harmonics contribute to the depth and complexity of the final composition. Pour a glass and see if you agree.

La Chertosa was founded by third generation winemaker, Sam Sebastiani. For over 125 years, our Sonoma Valley family has created red-soil-born wines of symphonic balance and finesse. WWW.LACHERTOSAWINES.COM