

ALIAS

ALIAS CHARDONNAY 2020 CALIFORNIA AVA

RESIST INDUSTRIAL WINES

After years spent toiling away in the bowels of the wine industrial complex, we escaped in 2007 with our love of wine still intact. We got to see 'how the sausage was made' at the giant corporations - in the cellars, in the streets, and in the boardrooms. Our goal has been to make honest wines that offer great value without the industrial trickery needed to make millions of cases. Wine crafted from grape to glass, true to varietal character and expressive of California's bold style. A cure for industrial wines...and just in case the corporate powers came after us we took on an ALIAS.

TASTING NOTES

Much like our Pinot Noir, our Chardonnay depends heavily on estate vineyards in Monterey County. Luckily, our Chardonnay was harvested ahead of the wildfires in 2020, so we were unaffected. While the dry conditions affected yield, the quality produced from a cooler summer gave us a wonderful vintage for Chardonnay.

The 2020 Alias California Chardonnay is a wonderful color of straw and lemon rind. With just 50% malolactic and 50% new oak, the nose is clean and fresh without the rich butter and aggressive oak notes that can overpower other California Chardonnays. Our approach is about balance. The tropical flavors of papaya and pineapple are complimented by just a kiss of vanilla oak and hazelnut. A softer acidity keeps the texture soft and full without the weight that comes from full malolactic. This is neither a butter-oak bomb nor an austere pucker. It celebrates the wonderful flavors of the chardonnay grape after a year of enjoying the sunshine and ocean breezes of the California coast. It tastes like you would feel after a relaxing vacation, without kids.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

COMPOSITION: 100% Chardonnay

ALC/VOL: 13.4%

APPELLATION: California



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