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2021 JOJO Chardonnay

750 ml



APPELLATION

Paso Robles Westside, Willow Creek District

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Chardonnay

SOIL

The vineyard is located on a very steep (40%) south facing slope of our former reserve vineyard on Live Oak Road. The soil is a blend of Calcareous, clay, and sand, with 21% to 42% free Limestone which creates complexity and aging capacity.

VINEYARD

This is a very special vintage for the Russells as it is the last year they will get Chardonnay from their former Live Oak vineyard. The vines are very closely spaced, with around 2240 vines per acre. A very clean vertical shoot position on an extremely steep south slope allows for the best exposure for optimum ripening. Very low yield, at only 1-2 tons per acre.

VINIFICATION

Aged in 100% one-year old French Oak *Damy* Barrels, 100% malolactic fermentation and 100% sur lies. The barrels are stirred (Battonage) weekly to give the wine a creamy richness.

ALCOHOL

14.2%

CASES PRODUCED

135

TASTING

This is our best Reserve Chardonnay and very special. It is big, rich, full-bodied and round. Loaded with notes of apples, vanilla and soft oak. This vintage has just a hint of oak from one-year old barrels unlike previous vintages where we used new oak. It is very crisp with fresh minerality present, beautiful fruit in the mid-pallet, and a soft lingering finish. Joanne Russell loves white wine, and both the Bacio and Chardonnay are made for her.

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