



2022 The Eyrie Vineyards CHARDONNAY ESTATE



THE WINE The 2022 vintage marks the seventh year that Eyrie Chardonnay includes both the Draper selection from The Eyrie vineyard but also heritage clones planted at Sisters Vineyard in the Dundee Hills.

DIVERSITY Two clones, one *selection massale*, and a five-decade span of vine ages contribute to a diverse and complex expression of Chardonnay.



14% DRAPER SELECTION - 57 YEAR OLD VINES, ORIGINAL VINEYARD This is a massale selection made by David Lett in 1964 from old vines in California. Clusters and vines show a range of shapes and berry sizes.



61% WENTE CLONE - 9 YEAR OLD VINES, SISTERS VINEYARD Wente is related to the same 1882 importation from France that sired the Draper selection. Wente is typified by open clusters with “hens and chicks” berry sizes.



25% STERLING CLONE - 9 YEAR OLD VINES, SISTERS VINEYARD Sterling is another heritage clone originating from a California vineyard near the site of the Draper Selection. Intensely aromatic, with compact cluster and even berry sizes.

THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION Both estate vineyard sites are 100% certified organic and picked by hand. The grapes were pressed in a combination of antique basket press and Champagne cycle press. Juice was run to neutral French oak barrels, fermented with indigenous yeasts, aged on the lees for 11 months without stirring, and bottled with a light filtration.

THE VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage reminded us our vines retain an endless capacity to inspire awe and wonder. A series of warm days in March and early April inspired an unusually early budbreak, just in time for a late frost which killed many of the young buds. Our May estimates forecasted a 70% loss of crop. However, well-timed summer rains, perfect flowering conditions, and the vines’ own resilience combined to bring our yields back from the brink. Yields were small, but not disastrously so. A dry summer and moderate temperatures in the fall gave us the opportunity to pick the first beautiful grapes of the season on October 7th. We completed the harvest on October 21st. The first autumn rains arrived the next day. The season had us in suspense, but we were rewarded with stunning fruit in 2022.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Average Vine Age:	25 years
Estate Vineyards:	Sisters and The Eyrie
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Fermentation & Aging:	Native yeast, French oak barrels, 5% new, full native malo, 11 months sur lie
Bottling Date:	August 2023
Production in Cases:	172
Alcohol % by Volume	13.22



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

