



CHARDONNAY RESERVE

2023

WHITE GOLD

LILLOOET BC VQA

SKU: 541011



VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered bench land along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

The winter of 2022-23 was extremely cold with a record low temperature of -26.4°C on December 22nd, after a long and warm fall. The quick change in temperature caused considerable damage to the most fruitful buds on the vines and the total harvest in Lillooet was only 33% of a normal crop in 2023. The summer was almost perfect: long, sunny and dry, with our characteristic cool nights to keep our grapes fresh.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 100% Chardonnay, Dry Creek vineyard, Lillooet BC

After a long and slow ripening period with very cool nights, the grapes were picked in September at optimal ripeness. 50% were whole cluster pressed and 50% were crushed and destemmed and left on the skins for 4 hours before pressing, adding freshness and richness to the wine. Cold fermented with natural yeast and then aged in carefully selected French oak barrels for 7 months. 16% of the barrels were new, 33% 2nd fill, and 51% were neutral. Partial malolactic fermentation took place, adding complexity to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, lemon zest, stone fruit, roasted nuts, and hints of honey blossom dominate the aromatic profile of our elegant White Gold. On the palate, it shows a rich, buttery mouthfeel, combined with a fresh acidity and well integrated oak. This full-bodied and well-balanced Chardonnay has a beautiful, long finish.

This wine is ready now and can be aged till 2028. Ideal pairing with Chicken Supreme with cream sauce, or whole roasted cauliflower and halloumi cheese.

AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, select restaurants, retail stores and grocery stores in BC
UPC: 626990118510
Winery retail price: \$34.99 ex tax

TECH SPECS

Alc.: 13.0%
pH: 3.49
TA: 6.8 g/l
RS: 3.4 g/L
Vegan: Yes
Production: 253 cases

