



MUIRWOOD
CHARDONNAY
ARROYO SECO, MONTEREY | 2024
ZANETTA VINEYARD

BACKGROUND

The Zaninovich family has deep farming roots, spanning nearly a century. Located southeast of the Monterey Bay in the Arroyo Seco Canyon, our vineyards benefit from growing conditions and soils not found anywhere else. Starting in 1971, we established vineyards, in different growing areas of the Arroyo Seco American Viticultural Area (AVA), acquiring the Zanetta Vineyard in 1988. Today, with four generations of California farming in harmony with nature, we take a long-term perspective. We are inspired by the legacy of John Muir and share a belief in the importance of nurturing the land generations to come.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed and pressed, separating the free run juice from the press juice. Free run juice was then fermented in stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature to preserve the fruit aromas and flavors. The free run wine was transferred to French oak barrels to finish the fermentation and aging, adding complexity and structure to the wine. 80% malolactic fermentation was completed, as a few barrels were arrested in order to preserve freshness and acid backbone. The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, with occasional stirring of the lees to enhance the mouthfeel and flavor of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Bright aromatics of lemon zest and lemon cream pie, the palate is vibrant and focused, with a core of pure citrus fruit balanced by a rounded, creamy texture. The French oak brings layers of toasted brioche and vanilla, enhancing the wine's natural freshness.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled Chanterelle Mushrooms, Herb-Roasted Chicken, Sole Meunière.

TECHNICAL

Alc. By Vol. 14.3%, TA 6.0%, pH 3.6

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Shaded by the Santa Lucia Mountains and chilled Pacific Ocean breezes, Zanetta Vineyard experiences the coolest microclimate of all our vineyards. Thin, river rock soils force the vines to dig deep for water and nutrients, producing grapes of character. Together, the soil and microclimate create ideal conditions for our flagship Chardonnay, a wine with Burgundian structure, acidity, and complexity.

