



2022 SOBERANES VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

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Just south of Garys' Vineyard, where windswept oak trees dot a rolling slope, lies Soberanes Vineyard. The vineyard is named after a local land grant that occurred the late 18th century, where nearly 9,000 acres were acquired for just 100 head of livestock. Another partnership between Gary Franscioni and Gary Pisoni, it was planted in 2008 with row orientation set to true north, compared to 10 degrees west of north in Garys' Vineyard. In the mornings you'll see a blanket of fog here, and in the afternoon the steady winds from the bay continue to keep vines cool when the sun is shining.

WINEMAKER NOTES

We were thrilled and honored when Wine Spectator recognized Soberanes Vineyard as one of the top Chardonnay vineyards in California last year. Our most limited-production Chardonnay bottling, the vineyard consistently showcases bright lemon and citrus notes alongside its creamy, lush texture. Chaparral and sagebrush mingle with wet stone for a nice balance on the finish.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2022 season began with another unusually dry winter in the Highlands. We received 7.5 inches of rain, below our average of 10-14. Each seasonal marker came early, from bud break to veraison and then harvest, about two weeks ahead of "normal." For us and for growers across the Santa Lucia Highlands, the crop was light and produced less wine, but once again we're thrilled with the quality and structure that will lead to long aging potential. The wines showcase a feminine quality with our signature bright, fruit-forward flavors and beautiful texture.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley
Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)
Harvest: September 12, 2022
Oak: 100% French oak, 33% new
Aging: 15 months in barrel
Alcohol: 14.6%
Acid: 3.36 pH
Production: 134 cases made

2022: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2021: 95 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2020: 94 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2019: 94 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2018: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2017: 95 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2016: 94 pts, *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*