

2019 DRY CHENIN BLANC – CLARKSBURG



HISTORY

We are proud to have produced Dry Chenin Blanc each and every year since our family winery was founded in 1972. For over 30 years our Chenin Blanc has come from the Wilson Ranch in the Clarksburg appellation in the Sacramento Delta. This vineyard has consistently provided us with delicious fruit that expresses our Loire Valley-inspired roots. It is the perfect aperitif wine, extremely versatile and food friendly, making it one of our most beloved wines.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season – fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This beautiful wine is wonderfully consistent vintage after vintage. At first swirl, aromatics of passionfruit, lime and candied lemon spring forward from the glass with notes of orange blossom, jasmine and melon. On the palate, the wine is refreshing with flavors of lemon curd, mango and passionfruit with hints of hibiscus. The mouthfeel is lively but rich, with a voluptuous texture. 100% stainless steel fermentation guarantees the fresh fruit character that fans of this wine have come to appreciate over the years. This classic, Loire Valley-style wine is excellent when paired with fresh oysters, seafood, or just about anything!

91 Points
Wine Spectator

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WineReviewOnline.com

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BLEND 100% Chenin Blanc

APPELLATION Clarksburg

HARVEST DATES September 14 - 16, 2019

ALCOHOL 13.0%

FERMENTATION Stainless steel fermented at 50 - 62°F for about 24 days

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.4%

PH 3.58

TA 6.9g/L

SOILS Sandy and silty clay loam

VINE AGE 25 years

