

2020 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 of the Sacramento Delta. This vineyard has consistently provided us with delicious fruit that expresses our Loire Valley-inspired roots. Extremely versatile and food friendly, it is the perfect aperitif and one of our most beloved wines.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 growing season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Two unexpected factors were the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Fortunately white grapes aren't fermented on their skins, making them less susceptible to smoke impact. This, combined with using lighter pressings, resulted in delicious wines with beautiful aromas and flavors.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Fermented in 100% stainless steel barrels, this beautiful wine is wonderfully bright and consistent vintage after vintage. At first swirl, aromatics of honeydew, peach and mango spring forward from the glass with floral notes of orange blossom and honeysuckle. On the palate, the wine has refreshing flavors of watermelon, Meyer lemon and cucumber with hints of white tea and white pepper. The mouthfeel is soft but inviting, with a voluptuous texture. This classic, Loire Valley-style wine is excellent when paired with fresh oysters, seafood, or just about anything!

90 Points
Wine Enthusiast

93 Points
WineReviewOnline.com

RELEASE DATE April 2021

BLEND 100% Chenin Blanc

APPELLATION Clarksburg

HARVEST DATES August 28–31, 2020

ALCOHOL 12.0%

FERMENTATION Stainless steel fermented at 53–62°F for about 22 days.

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.35%

PH 3.61

TA 6.2g/L

SOILS Sandy and silty clay loam

VINE AGE 26 years

