



2024 CHARDONNAY
SONOMA MOUNTAIN AVA
RICHARD DINNER VINEYARD

- Release Date:*** April 2026
- Production:*** 8 Barrels
- Varietal:*** 100% Chardonnay
- Vineyards:*** Richard Dinner Vineyard
Sonoma Mountain AVA, Sonoma County
- Winemaking:*** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
- Cooperage:*** Aged for 16 months in 100% French oak, 44% new.
- Vintage Notes:*** 2024 was a classic vintage for Napa Valley combining boldness and elegance across the range of varieties. Heavy winter rains saturated the vineyard soils, laying a foundation for healthy vegetation growth. While the growing season was warmer overall, good shade management protected the fruit as it matured, giving berries the opportunity to develop great character. A gratefully predictable harvest period allowed for optimal ripeness, resulting in stylish fruitdriven and balanced wines.
- Vineyard Notes:*** The Richard Dinner Vineyard, named after the late owner, a well-known San Francisco businessman and philanthropist, is a total of 27 acres planted primarily to Chardonnay of which our block is specifically the Old Wente Clone. It is situated above the town of Glen Ellen in a mixture of clay loam and gravelly volcanic soils, on the northern edge of Sonoma Mountain. The vineyard site rises above the valley to about 800 ft in elevation with exposure to the north, benefiting from ample afternoon shade and cooling breezes coming from the San Pablo Bay.
- Tasting Notes:*** Rich and tropical, the 2024 Richard Dinner Chardonnay greets with notes of yuzu, Ataulfo mango, peach puree, orange zest, gardenia and interwoven notes of baking spice and fresh baked bread. The palate is similarly opulent and tropical, with the fruit building and remaining bright through the mid palate and marrying seamlessly to subtle oak notes of vanilla, clove and caramel.
- Aging Advice:*** Enjoy readily in its youth, slightly chilled or at cellar temperature for full expression. The 2024 is showing beautifully as a young wine, so aging is by no means a necessity, however given the polish, you can certainly age confidently for 4-6 years.