



2023 Chardonnay

PONT DE CHEVALIER

KNIGHTS BRIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD KNIGHTS VALLEY

AVA Knights Valley

VARIETY 100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATE September 26, 2023

AGING 12 months, 61% concrete, 39% neutral French oak

COOPERAGE François Frères

ALCOHOL 12.9% PH 3.5 TA 7.3 g/L

BOTTLING DATE December 18, 2024

RELEASE DATE April I, 2025

CASES 25I

CELLARING Drink now through 2033

VINTAGE The 2023 growing season kicked off in Knights Valley with above-average winter rains, which replenished reservoirs and rejuvenated soils. While cooler temperatures meant a slow start, the abundant rainfall fostered lush canopy development in late spring and summer that led to balanced yields at harvest. Picking started slightly later than usual but finished by mid-October, delivering exceptional fruit with deeply intense flavors.

MONTHLY AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
- <u>;</u> \ \ -	57.6	59.7	57.2	73.5	77.4	81.5	92.6	91.2	82.2	81.3	70.3	66.3
*	38.2	31.6	36.5	38.4	45.9	48.7	50.7	53.4	48.5	40.2	31.3	33.5
	0.35	0.11	0.34	0.03	0.04	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.01	0.0	0.0

WINEMAKING Fruit from Block 2B was hand-picked in the early morning hours of September 26. Pressed gently and fermented naturally, 61% of the blend was then aged in concrete and 39% in neutral French oak, creating a refined texture which allows the vibrant energy and profound minerality to shine.

VINEYARD Block 2B sits in the coldest section of our vineyard, shaped by brisk winds descending from Mount St. Helena and the persistent coastal fogs that linger over the block during the growing season. Coupled with the influence of its volcanic ash Luna soils, this block produces a leaner style of Chardonnay, with bright energy and pronounced citrus and mineral characters.

VINEYARD BLOCK DETAIL

BLOCK	ELEVATION	ASPECT	VARIETAL	SOIL	TRELLIS	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
2B	450 ft	NE	Chardonnay	Luna	VSP	4	2,546	1.71	6.5 x 4.5	2012

ACCOLADES

94 James Suckling | 94 Decanter | 91 Wine Advocate

