

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2022 CHARDONNAY, OAK KNOLL DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. For the first time we sourced additional fruit from a Laird Family Estate Vineyard for this vintage alone. We vineyard is a very close neighboring vineyard and allowed us to make 300 additional cases after a few years of limited supply.

**APPELLATION:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

**GROWING SEASON:** A cool and wet winter led to a Chardonnay budbreak in mid March at the estate Bon Passe Vineyard. The year saw consistent, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season. Moderate temperatures continued as the fruit ripened, and warmer weather in late August and early September enabled us to harvest beautifully ripened fruit on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**HARVEST DATE:** September 9, 2022

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 10 months in Oak – 29% new: 100% French

**WINEMAKING:** 100% Barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine was aged sur lie and the lees were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 6 months of aging. The wine went through native malolactic fermentation.

**TASTING NOTES:** Subtly rich and vibrant, our 2022 Chardonnay offers aromas of fresh pear and apple, brioche, lemon curd, vanilla, and toasted oak, with subtle minerality. The beautifully balanced palate exhibits flavors of crisp pear, apple, and crème Brûlée. The wine has medium body with a subtle richness and balanced acid. Drinks nicely now and will improve through 2027.

**PRODUCTION:** 614 cases