

CASA Pinot Noir from the Keller Estate is true to its name - it is our 'house wine' - made from our estate in the Petaluma Gap of Sonoma County. CASA Pinot Noir is our entry-level selection of our terroir-based production at Keller Estate. We pride ourselves on our clonal selections planted on sedimentary soils and the unique air flow which defines the Petaluma Gap, producing exceptional aromatic wines.



#### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Keller Estate CASA Chardonnay is light in straw color with a nose of delicate pineapple and vanilla. Flavors express notes of citrus and orange blossom that grace the palate with flavors and textures of crème brûlée. Finishes clean and wanting for more.

Harvest Date: September 10-19, 2022

pH: 3.7

Alcohol: 14.3%

Cooperage: 20% New French Oak

Bottling Date: June 25, 2023

Cases: 319 cases

SRP: \$32

# 2022 CASA CHARDONNAY

ESTATE GROWN - PETALUMA GAP - SONOMA COUNTY

## VINTAGE - VINEYARD

Keller Estate was once part of the ancient seabed below San Pablo Bay. These mineral-rich, clay soils define our site and result in a rich minerality, a signature of our wines. The site's proximity on the Western edge of Sonoma Mountain, above the Petaluma River, is the southern stretch of the Petaluma Gap. Winds from the Pacific Ocean are pulled through the 'Gap' by the warming Central Valley interior which impart distinctive fruit and floral aromatics which define this AVA.

We implement regenerative farming which focuses on top-soil renewal and increased cover crop and beneficial insect biodiversity, enhancing our own regional ecosystem as well as contributing to the health and vitality of the earth.

### VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season started with weeks of sunny days that created an earlier bud break in February. Bouts of cooler temperatures occurred in late February and early April, and summer was relatively mild compared to past years. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than anticipated and finished earlier than normal due to consistently warm fall days in late August and early September. Fruit quality was good, and the overall smaller berry and cluster sizes yielded an excellent 2022 vintage. Our first Chardonnay pick was on the 9th of September, and we finished picking Chardonnay by the 21st of September.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes from select blocks of Wente, Clone 4, Dijon Clones 15 and 17 were hand-harvested over several nights. The fruit was gently pressed before transferring to stainless steel tanks for slow fermentation under low temperatures. After several weeks, the wine was racked to neutral barrels to complete secondary fermentation. It aged in barrel for nine months before bottling.

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### A NOTE ABOUT CASA WINES

Ana Keller created CASA Wines as a new line she, her family, and friends could enjoy every day. Since 1998, Ana has been directing both farming and winemaking at her family's property in Sonoma County. Among Ana's many achievements, she has played an instrumental role in developing the Petaluma Gap AVA bringing recognition to this newest California Wine Region that is defined by its cool, coastal fog and air movement from the Pacific Ocean.