



ARISTA

WINERY

2023 EL DIABLO VINEYARD, CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

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The core principle of the winemaking philosophy at Arista is to capture and express the true character and potential of each vineyard. They work with a very carefully chosen handful of grand-cru level Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards, and are uncompromising in their efforts to maximize the full potential of the wines crafted from these special sites.

WINE

El Diablo Vineyard is a steep, east-facing site on Windsor Ridge in the eastern reaches of the Russian River Valley appellation. This orientation allows the vines to benefit from the warming rays of the morning sun, while being protected from the direct impact of mid-summer afternoon heat. The result is a wine made from grapes that are fully ripe, but never lacking in bright acidity. In fact, the El Diablo Vineyard bottling is consistently one of our most focused and linear Chardonnays.

VINEYARDS

Established by Ulises Valdez in 2008, El Diablo Vineyard sits on the eastern edge of the Russian River Valley, where morning fog and afternoon sun create ideal growing conditions. Planted with Montrachet and Old Wente Chardonnay on 420a rootstock and tight spacing, the vineyard yields low quantities of intensely flavored fruit. These site-specific selections consistently produce exceptional, high-quality wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage brought its own set of challenges and rewards, with a cool, extended growing season and late harvest—allowing for exceptional flavor development and phenolic maturity.

WINEMAKING

13 months fermentation and aging in barrel followed by 6 months in stainless steel. Unfined, unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Arista El Diablo Vineyard Chardonnay opens with cool-toned aromas of Asian pear, crushed limestone, and lime leaf, layered with hints of grilled pineapple and sweet cream. The palate is electric yet composed, with bright acidity guiding flavors of green mango, yuzu, and a touch of marzipan. A gentle creaminess from the lees aging adds volume, while subtle notes of baked citrus and warm spice glide into a long, mineral-driven finish.



VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Sub-Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Soil:	Goldridge, fine sandy loam
Age/Exposure:	Planted in 2008; North & North-East facing
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable practices

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Chardonnay
Aging:	13 months in French Oak followed by 6 months in stainless steel

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	13.8%