

FELTA 2020 CHARDONNAY

The Chalk Hill Estate has a long history experimenting with Chardonnay, both in the vineyard and the winery. One of the great things about an estate is the ability to take the time to do things carefully and thoughtfully. Each Chardonnay block here is planted with the ideal clone and rootstock, the result of years of learning what works best where. This Chardonnay takes its name from the alluvial soil on our estate called Felta, and is made with Clone 4 Chardonnay.

Each Chardonnay barrel is unique, from variations in the barrels themselves to the particular native yeast population that ferments the juice in that barrel. When blending our club Chardonnays, we choose the specific barrels that best show the characteristics of that vineyard. The 2020 Felta Chardonnay has beautiful aromas of poached pear, peach, guava, and brioche framed by toasted vanilla spice. On the medium weight palate, a creamy, round mouthfeel is perfectly balanced with bright acidity, integrating cream, baked apple, clove and notable minerality that leads to a long, juicy finish.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: September 21, 2020 Average Yields: 3.52 Tons / Acre Average Brix at Harvest: 25.2°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% Native Yeast Fermentation in Barrel
100% Malolactic Fermentation with Bi-weekly Bâtonnage
Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 73% New
Barrel Aging: 15 Months

WINE

Blend: 100% CHARDONNAY
Bottling date: December 2, 2021
BOTTLED UNFINED & UNFILTERED

pH: 3.58 TA: 5.56 G/L Alcohol: 15.1%

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