



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE VINEYARDS & WINERY

## A VIEW FROM THE WINEMAKER

Wine Club Newsletter - Winter 2023 Issue #159

Greetings Wine Club Members,

We have had a very wet start to the new year at Chalk Hill Estate. This rain is excellent for the vineyard in its current dormant stage. The vines have been soaking up all the wonderful nutrients and minerals from the soils to replenish, and renew just in time for spring flowering. Our vineyard crew has kept busy pruning the dormant vines to prepare them for the growing season ahead, and in the cellar, we begin to bottle our chardonnays.

The wines releasing in this shipment are great selections from our estate, and lend themselves wonderfully to winter fare. We have included the **2021 Windy Ridge Sauvignon Blanc**. Interestingly, the hill artwork on our label is actually a depiction of Windy Ridge. Located at an elevation of 630 feet and featuring free-draining, rocky soil, the well-controlled vigor of these vines results in pronounced aromatics and concentrated tropical flavors. Our flagship **2021 Estate Chardonnay** is made with nine different clones on the estate, including our very own Chalk Hill Proprietary Chardonnay Clone 97, to provide aromatic and flavor profile differences, balanced acidity and our signature creamy texture.

Our **2019 Syrah** is a fantastic representation of our estate's diversity. Our location in the Chalk Hill AVA in the warm end of the cool Russian River Valley is perfect for bringing out all the unique characteristics of this fabulous variety. Our Syrah is planted on a steep southwest-facing hillside, made up of rocks and volcanic soil. Rich, and dense with wild boysenberry notes and dark chocolate, this is an excellent wine to enjoy fireside with a good book this winter. Finally, we have our **2019 Malbec-Petit Verdot** which is a powerhouse of a wine. The big, indulgent profile of this wine lends it to food pairings of the same caliber. We recommend decanting and pairing with a red meat main course.

I hope you enjoy these estate wines and we hope to see you soon at the winery for one of our signature [tasting experiences](#), and our events this year.

Cheers,

Michael Beaulac, *Senior Winemaker*



*Experience our Classic Caviar Tasting  
for a Cozy Winter Indulgence.*



*Our Vineyard Team Pruning  
the Dormant Vines.*

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WINTER WINE SELECTION

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### 2021 WINDY RIDGE SAUVIGNON BLANC

OPENING WITH A HIGHLY FRAGRANT NOSE, THIS WINE ENTICES THE SENSES WITH AROMAS OF PAPAYA, GRAPEFRUIT, MANGO AND LIME ZEST. THE PALATE IS CLEAN AND BRIGHT WITH FLAVORS OF HONEYDEW MELON, PASSION FRUIT AND LAYERS OF STONE FRUIT THROUGH THE LONG, JUICY FINISH.

#### FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL  
BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE  
Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 18% NEW  
Barrel Aging: 7 MONTHS

#### WINE

Blend: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC  
Bottling Date: JUNE 9, 2022  
pH 3.24      TA 6.76 g/L      Alcohol 14.5%

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### 2019 SYRAH

THIS 2019 SYRAH DISPLAYS AROMAS OF BOYSENBERRY JAM, WILD GAME AND BLACK TEA. ON THE PALATE, INDULGENT FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY, PLUM, BLACK CHERRY, AND DARK CHOCOLATE DELIGHT THE SENSES. THIS WINE IS BOLD, OFFERING A BEAUTIFULLY INKY COLOR AND LAYERS OF RICH, DENSE CHARACTERS MELDING SEAMLESSLY WITH SILKY TANNINS.

#### FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS  
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION  
Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 50% NEW  
Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

#### WINE

Blend: 100% SYRAH  
Bottling Date: JULY 15, 2021  
pH 3.78      TA 5.86 g/L      Alcohol 15.5%

### 2021 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

OUR 2021 ESTATE CHARDONNAY IS CREAMY, RICH AND ELEGANT WITH COMPLEX AROMAS AND FLAVORS OF BAKED PEAR TART, LEMON CURD, TOASTED MARSHMALLOW, STAR FRUIT, CARAMEL, EXOTIC SPICE, VANILLA AND A FRESH ACIDITY. THIS IS AN AGE WORTHY WINE OF EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY KNOWN FOR ITS LONG, RICH AND ELEGANT FINISH.

#### FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% NATIVE YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL  
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE FOR 5 MONTHS, THEN MONTHLY  
Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 42% NEW  
Barrel Aging: 11 MONTHS

#### WINE

Blend: 100% CHARDONNAY  
Bottling Date: DECEMBER 2022  
pH 3.60      TA 5.61 g/L      Alcohol 15.1%

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### 2019 MALBEC-PETIT VERDOT

OUR 2019 MALBEC-PETIT VERDOT OPENS WITH POWERFUL AROMAS OF DARK CHERRY AND BLACK BERRY FRUITS, CIGAR BOX, BLACK TEA AND VANILLA. THE MOUTHFEEL IS BOLD, RICH, AND DENSE, OFFERING LAYERS OF COMPLEX FLAVORS AND CHEWY TANNINS WITH BLACK RASPBERRY, AND DARK CHOCOLATE NOTES. WITH PROPER CELLARING THIS WINE WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE FOR YEARS TO COME.

#### FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL  
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE  
Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 50% NEW  
Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

#### WINE

Blend: 75% MALBEC, 25% PETIT VERDOT  
Bottling Date: JULY 14, 2021  
pH 3.65      TA 6.13 g/L      Alcohol 15.5%

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### REORDER SPECIAL

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Enjoy 30% savings on re-orders of current club wines. Order 12 or more bottles of any of the current club wines and receive \$10 ground shipping (not valid to HI or AK). To order, please visit [www.chalkhill.com](http://www.chalkhill.com), or contact us at 866.221.6467 or [wineclub@chalkhill.com](mailto:wineclub@chalkhill.com).

Offer expires March 20, 2023.

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