



'En Famille'

Chardonnay 2023

Vineyards

- Con Vida Vineyard, Skaha Bluff
- Secrest Mountain Vineyard, Oliver
- Smethurst Vineyard, Naramata Bench

Production

The grapes for this wine were hand-harvested on September 6th from three distinct vineyard sites—Naramata, Skaha Bluff, and Oliver—each contributing its own nuance to the final blend. Sixty percent of the fruit was destemmed and pressed, while the remaining 40% underwent whole-cluster pressing to preserve aromatic lift and natural structure. After a gentle two-day cold settle, the juice was racked to 12% new French oak barrels and 88% neutral French oak puncheons for fermentation with ambient yeasts, allowing the character of the vintage to fully express itself. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in puncheon, followed by 10 months of aging on lees, building layered complexity and a creamy, integrated texture. The wine was crossflow filtered and bottled in the summer of 2024.

Tasting Notes

The 2023 En Famille Chardonnay is richly layered and deeply expressive, offering both intensity and finesse. Aromas of lemon curd and wet stone, mingling with ripe mango, white peach, and a hint of crème brûlée. On the palate, citrus and stone fruits unfold into custard and tropical tones, supported by a fine mineral thread and subtle oak spice. The texture is generous yet poised, with bright acidity balancing the wine's natural concentration. A long, elegant finish suggests excellent aging potential.

Vintage		2023
Variety		Chardonnay 100%
Acid		5.5 g/L
Residual Sugar		2.5 g/L
Alcohol		13.8 %



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