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2023 ARIES Chardonnay

The only wine not coming from a single vineyard, the 2023 Chardonnay Aries is a blend of the three other vineyards. In the glass, it pours a bright yellow color and is a bit shy on opening before it starts to reveal fresh, savory aromas of fresh pear, lemon peel, wet stone, and fresh yellow flowers. Medium-bodied, it retains vibrant refreshing acidity, lime zest, chalky texture, and good length. It doesn't have a ton of concentration, but it doesn't feel hollow either. Drink 2025-2032.

93 points



2022 HAWK HILL Vineyard Chardonnay

From a vineyard on the way to Bodega Bay, just before Occidental Wines, the 2022 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard pours bright yellow/silver color and comes from old Montrachet and Wente clones. Offering layered notes of fresh pineapple, fresh flowers, lemon balm, and subtle hints of custard, the palate is refreshing and clean, with a lovely medium to full-bodied richness, although it's fully dry and has a more mineral underlying feel. It's a lovely wine with a lot of freshness in this vintage. Drink 2025-2035.

96 points



2022 CHARLES HEINTZ Vineyard Chardonnay

The 2022 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard sports a youthful medium yellow/silver color and is ripe on the nose with more decadent notes of ripe pineapples, corn kernel, golden citrus, fresh flowers, white peach, and sweet spice. The palate is full-bodied but stays light on its feet, with ripe acidity. It's certainly the fullest and most decadent of these wines, but it's stylistically highly refined and never cloying. Very nicely done, this is a must try for those who enjoy this vineyard. Drink 2025-2035.

95 points



2022 DURELL Vineyard Chardonnay

Pouring a straw yellow hue, the 2022 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard offers a good deal of complexity and depth on the nose, with ripe, mineral aromas leading with savory notes of wet stones, peach, fresh flowers, tangerine, and baking spice. From volcanic soils, it has a full-bodied, rounded feel, with more decadence upfront, and it has a good deal of persistence and length through the finish. It's long on the palate and approachable. Drink 2025-2035.

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2023 LYRA Pinot Noir

A bright medium ruby color, the nose of the 2023 Pinot Noir Lyra is lifted and fresh, with focused, bright spice notes of ripe cranberries, cinnamon, fresh roses, and bright herbs. Medium-bodied, this carries seamlessly to the palate, with vibrant, fresh energy, fine tannins, and salty fresh accents. Drink 2025-2035.

93 points



2022 GRAND VENT Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2022 Pinot Noir Grand Vent Vineyard is bright on the nose with notes of wild raspberries, wildflowers, forest herbs, and pine. Medium-bodied, it's silky and has a chalky texture, refreshing acidity, and an elegant, graceful feel through its floral finish. Drink 2025-2035.

96 points



2022 WHISTLER Vineyard Pinot Noir

Pouring a jeweled ruby color, the 2022 Pinot Noir Whistler Vineyard has a lovely floral and fruity nose, with notes of ripe raspberries, pressed flowers, sweet fresh herbs, and mossy fresh earth. From the northernmost vineyard in the appellation, the palate is medium-bodied, with lovely ripeness and freshness on the palate, ripe tannins, and a good deal of length. It's approachable but will benefit from another 6-12 months and drink well over a wide period of 8-10 years.

95 points



2022 DUTTON-JENTOFT Vineyard Pinot Noir

Displaying a deeper ruby red color, the nose of the 2022 Pinot Noir Dutton-Jentoft Vineyard is deep and layered with notes of sage, wild herbs, dark cherries, and fresh piney spices. Medium-bodied, it has a darker feel on the palate, with supple tannins, a balanced savory and fruity feel, and a long finish. It's likely to flesh out and become a more full-bodied wine with time. Drink 2025-2040.

96 points