

# MARINE LAYER

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*Chardonnay*

### 2022 ARIES Chardonnay

A bright straw siler hue, the 2022 Chardonnay Aries comes from the Hawk Hill, Gaps Crown, Durell, and Marine Layer vineyards, as well as a couple other small parcels, and it sees about 20% new oak. Fresh and floral in the glass, it's showing notes of fresh pear, poached lemon, and wet stone. Medium to full-bodied, it retains good richness while feeling linear and citrus-driven, and it has a core of concentration with a long, lightly pithy finish. It's very well-styled, and I continue to be impressed with these wines. Drink this over the next 5-7 years.

**93 points**

### 2022 GAP'S CROWN Vineyard Chardonnay

One of the few Chardonnays I have tasted from this great vineyard, the 2022 Chardonnay Gap's Crown Vineyard offers a slightly richer profile all around, with notes of almond, tangerine peel, white flowers, and golden apples. Full-bodied, it has a broader and rounder feel on the palate, with notes of orange blossom and a pithy texture. It retains good freshness and has a slightly sunnier feel. Drink 2024-2034.

**94 points**

### 2022 MARINE LAYER Vineyard Chardonnay

A medium straw/silver color, the 2022 Chardonnay Marine Layer Vineyard has a coastal feel, with a floral perfume of white flowers, salty earth, pineapple rind, and candied Meyer lemon. Medium-bodied, it has great intensity on the palate, with loads of bright freshness. This spectacular Chardonnay has an incredibly wide window for drinking now or over the next 10 years. This is one of the most enjoyable and eye-opening Chards I have tasted from this vintage. The oak never feels intrusive, it just frames the wine perfectly. Bravo.

**97 points**

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### *Pinot Noir*

#### **2022 LYRA Pinot Noir**

Medium red in color, the 2022 Pinot Noir Lyra is the estate's Sonoma Coast blend and is about an 800-case production. It's juicy and bright on the nose, with aromas of bright red cherries, cinnamon candies, fresh roses, and fresh herbs. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins, it stays refreshing and is approachable now, and it's going to hold on with ease over the next 7-8 years. A phenomenal value.

**94 points**

#### **2022 DUTTON-UPP ROAD Vineyard Pinot Noir**

The 2022 Pinot Noir Dutton Upproad includes 35-40% whole cluster and comes from a site Marine Layer splits with DuMOL. It pours a bright medium red color and lifts from the glass with notes of spiced blood orange, ripe red berries, wild herbs, and salty earth. It's more linear and tension-driven on the palate, with more coiled fresh acidity, fine tannins, and a light iron-rich mineral lift on the finish. Drink 2025-2040.

**95 points**

#### **2022 GAP'S CROWN Vineyard Pinot Noir**

A youthful ruby with a hint of light magenta, the 2022 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard shows the very pretty side of this vineyard, with notes of fresh violets, ripe cherries, sweet herbs, and delicate baking spice. Medium-bodied, it's light on its feet, with a refreshing feel and a good bit of tension as well as a juicy feel upfront. It's going to show its best over the next 15 years.

**96 points**

#### **2022 MARINE LAYER Vineyard Pinot Noir**

Their estate Pinot, the 2022 Pinot Noir Marine Layer Vineyard is based on the Calera, Mt. Eden, Dijon, 115, and 667 clones, and it sees 35% whole cluster, but it doesn't rear its head overtly. The wine is a youthful ruby red hue and has deeper, more expressive layers of black raspberries, grenadine, forest floor, and sweet forest herbs. Medium-bodied, it has a ripe but very pure feel, with a great deal of pure, expansive fruit filling the palate and a long, clean finish. A real charmer, it will only improve if given the chance to lean into its more earth-toned tea notes. Drink 2025-2040.

**96 points**