

# Model Farm California



## Chardonnay Alta Heights 2023

*The 2023 Chardonnay from Joanna Wells' and Sean Castorani's new Alta Heights project is excellent. The wine is made from organically and biodynamically farmed vineyards in the hills of Mendocino, with the wine fermented with native yeasts and raised in cask and stainless steel tanks prior to bottling. The debut vintage of 2023 comes in at an even thirteen percent octane and offers up a beautifully expressive nose of apple, pear, raw almond, a lovely base of white soil tones, spring flowers and a touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a juicy core of fruit, good soil undertow and grip, a lovely spine of acidity and a long, well balanced and vibrant finish. This is lovely juice and a great value! 2025-2030+.*

**91 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar, March-April 2025