

Model Farm California



Chardonnay Wildcat Mountain 2023

The 2023 Chardonnay “Wildcat Mountain Vineyard” bottling from Model Farm is an outstanding young wine. The wine is barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised in used Burgundy casks for one year, prior to racking to stainless steel tanks to complete its élevage. In the beautifully cool vintage of 2023 the wine comes in at an even twelve percent octane and offers up a bright and utterly refined bouquet of pear, apple, almond, a gorgeous base of soil tones, white lilies and a gentle touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, precise, full-bodied and supremely elegant in profile, with a good core of fruit, lovely soil signature, zesty acids and impeccable balance on the long and nascently complex finish. This is already all too easy to drink, but three to five years in the cellar will really allow its secondary layers of complexity to emerge. Fine, fine juice. 2025-2040+.

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