

Deovlet Wines Santa Barbara



The 2023s from Ryan Deovlet are a beautiful representation of the cool, prolonged growing season, transparently capturing each site with a consistently understated yet detailed style.

-Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate

Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

The 2023 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict Vineyard offers a more aromatically lush counterpoint to the beaming, vibrant Zotovich bottling, opening with an immediately complex bouquet of tropical citrus, candlewax, resinous herbs, struck match and sea spray. The palate exudes the site's classic combination of slow-moving, measured power wrapped in a gently elastic core, culminating in a layered, focused and multifaceted finish that melds chalky grip with floral lift and an elegantly creamy undercurrent.

95 pts- Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate, October 2025

The following also reviewed this wine:

93 pts- Billy Norris, Vinous Media, August 2025

Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Chardonnay 2022

Echoing the stellar Pinot Noir bottling, the 2022 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict Vineyard offers a little bit of everything in an understated yet complete package. The nose is a radiant, focused combination of yellow fruits, pastry dough, sea salt and citrus blossoms. The palate is just rich enough while retaining admirable energy and focus, with superb delineation and tension throughout. The finish is stony and elegant, slowly building richness with time in the glass but never losing sight of its vibrant clarity.

95 pts- Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate, July 2024

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94 pts- Jeb Dunnuck, August 2024

95 pts- Antonio Galloni, Vinous, July 2024

Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Chardonnay 2021

A wine of crystalline precision and tension, Deovlet's 2021 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict Vineyard shows the more nervy side of this site. Citrus peel, white pepper, crushed rocks and mint all race across the palate. Aging mostly in large format works so well here in preserving freshness and a real sense of vibrancy that is impossible to miss.

94 pts- Antonio Galloni, Vinous, July 2023

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93+ pts- Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate, December 2023

Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

The 2023 Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard falls into a middle ground between the more ethereal Zotovich and the blazingly intense La Encantada. Opening with a textbook bouquet of orange peels, sandalwood, dried flowers and a lovely touch of lichen, the palate combines creamy, understated breadth with a gently tensile, spongy energy. The finish is layered and slow-moving, lingering with youthful baking spice notes framed by the region's signature black-tea tannins. This will benefit from a bit more time in bottle to digest its élevage and should mature for over a decade.

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Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

Wild strawberries, redcurrants, loamy earth, iodine, and savory herb notes all emerge from the 2022 Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, a medium-bodied, elegant, focused, yet beautifully structured Pinot Noir. I love its overall balance, and given its tension and structure on the palate, I wouldn't be surprised to see this age beautifully. Give bottles 2-3 years if you can and enjoy over the following decade.

The most complete wine in the roster, the 2022 Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard perfectly captures the reserved, alluring charm and underlying complexity of this hallowed site. The nose is a harmonious blend of red and black cherries, dried herbs, moss and sandalwood. The palate is luxurious yet delicate, combining silky, focused precision, edgeless tannins and succulent lifted acidity. The finish is long and multifaceted, gaining layers readily with time in the glass. It's a beautiful effort from Ryan Deovlet.

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Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

Ever since he founded his winery in 2008, Ryan Deovlet has talked about transparency as his goal in his single-vineyard pinot noirs. What does that even mean? It's an exceptional character you'll find in both his 2021 Sanford & Benedict and Zotovich bottlings--translucent, luminous, delicate but firm. The Sanford & Benedict Vineyard is distinguished from Zotovich by more clay on the site, by own-rooted old-vine fruit, by the slope and the aspect--all of which seem to contribute an additional structure element, more spring, more sinew, more connective tissue, and, likely, some additional aging potential. At both vineyards, Deovlet's picking decisions were inspired, the wines retaining thrilling tension while remaining full of flavor and expression.

96 pts- Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits, Spring 2024

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94+ pts- Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate, December 2023

95 pts- Antonio Galloni, Vinous, July 2023