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2023 Chardonnay
A18 Antica Vineyard Atlas Peak

VINEYARD PROFILE

Perched at approximately 1,400 feet above the Napa Valley floor, within a secluded valley in the Vaca Mountain Range's southeastern reaches, this vineyard boasts rugged terrain reminiscent of Chianti Classico. The vineyard's founder, upon his inaugural ascent into these mountains, was immediately struck by the landscape's potential, finding echoes of his Tuscan homeland. Envisioning the rocky slopes as a natural amphitheater, with cool ocean breezes and expansive horizons, he recognized a profound opportunity for grape cultivation. Guided by intuition and fueled by passion, he embarked on a journey to harness the vineyard's inherent terroir, shaping wines imbued with complexity and longevity, reflective of their unique surroundings.

WINE PROFILE

Full-bodied yet elegantly structured, with a creamy texture and vibrant acidity. Flavors of baked pear, nectarine, and Meyer lemon dominate, complemented by nuances of hazelnut, butterscotch, and a hint of minerality. The wine finishes with a long, lingering persistence, showcasing a perfect balance of richness and freshness.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2023 vintage in Napa Valley will go down in history as one of the most spectacular, smooth, and text-book perfect growing seasons of the century. Coming off an exceptionally wet winter that fully saturated the soils, a cool spring led to a late budbreak and extended flowering. What followed was a dream summer—the longest, coolest growing season the valley had seen in over a decade, entirely devoid of major heat waves. This unprecedentedly long "hang-time" allowed the fruit to ripen with effortless, slow-motion precision. At harvest, the grapes boasted spectacular natural acidity, electric aromatics, and fully mature, silk-like phenolic tannins, yielding a classic, vibrant wine that beautifully balances power with an elegant sense of weightlessness.

Appellation:	Atlas Peak, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Antica Vineyard
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date:	September 8, 2023
Alcohol:	14.5%
Aging:	The wine aged in barrels, 33% of which were new French oak, for 10 months before being filtered and bottled.
Fermentation:	Transferred to used French oak, with lees stirring. Primary and secondary fermentations continued to completion, lasting 22 days.

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