

Auspicion

Chardonnay

100% Chardonnay

Auspicion is a proprietary label created by Opici Wines that symbolizes the mystical connection between us, yet celebrates our own unique individuality. Fresh and fruit-forward selections are produced using grapes sourced from the finest vineyards across northern California. The brand features four popular varietals that are sure to delight every consumer palate. Brought to you by the Opici family, this collection embodies their tradition of delivering top quality wines at an excellent value.

Tasting Notes:

A fresh, easy-drinking wine defined by flavors of ripe pineapple, apple and pear, balanced by a touch of creaminess that coats the palate. With a kiss of oak and bright acidity to match, this well-balanced Chardonnay is one of California's best values. Enjoy with salads, sushi, pasta, chicken and fresh seafood.

Vineyards:

Region: Napa, Lodi, Monterey, California, USA
Year Planted: 2008-2009
Soil Composition: Limestone, clay, marl and marine sandstone with mineral deposits
Training Method: Simple Guyot with precise canopy management
Planting Density: 5,700 vines/hectare
Elevation: 125-250 meters
Exposure: South/Southeastern
Practices: Sustainable farming techniques, no use of harmful chemicals or pesticides.

Winemaking:

Harvest: Gently-harvested throughout September as each vineyard site reaches optimal ripeness
Fermentation: Freshly harvested grapes are gently pressed and destemmed before transfer to stainless steel tanks. A long, cool maceration ensues over the course of the next 3-4 days to create balance and increase flavor extraction. Thorough malolactic fermentation occurs as well, contributing to the buttery finish. A brief period of rest on the fine lees adds further depth and creaminess. The wine is racked into used French oak barrels and ages for 6 months before bottling.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 13.5%
pH: 3.72
Acidity: 5.1 grams/L
Residual Sugar: 4.5 grams/L

Production Quantity: 4,000 cases



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