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TONGUE DANCER PRATT VINE HILL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2021

Analysis

When Tongue Dancer Wines introduced their Pratt Vine Hill Chardonnay last year we really hoped that they would create a follow-up release. Spoiler alert — they did. The 2021 vintage is a bigger, more opulent wine but still shows incredible balance and a generous dose of acidity that made their inaugural release so remarkable. The grapes are sourced from Pratt Vineyard — Vine Hill. Three great Chardonnay clones are grown here: Mt Eden, Robert Young, and FPS 70 (Dijon). The blend of these clones results in a wine with great complexity and depth. The grapes were hand-picked and whole-cluster pressed straight to barrel. It's 100% barrel-fermented, and aged in French oak for 14 months (25% new) sur lie (on the lees giving it great texture and depth). Finally, it's bottled unfiltered and lightly filtered.

Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B

Tasting Note

Brilliant, light golden color. The aromatics are intense, offering scents of Meyer lemon and pear with supporting notes of kumquat, pineapple, and honeysuckle. The palate echoes the nose delivering a ripe orchard fruits-driven core with flavors of white peach, lemon curd, blanched almonds, apricot stone, slate, and star fruit. The finish is long and lingering with citrus notes rising. Medium to full-bodied and perfectly balanced with an opulent texture.

How to Enjoy

Serve chilled but not too cold as this will mute the aromatics and flavors. The wine is approachable at first pour but if you allow it to open up for 10 minutes or more you will be rewarded.



Country: USA

Region: California

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: Chardonnay

Retail Price: \$65

ABV: 14.5%



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