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TONGUE DANCER WINES PRATT VYD IRWIN LANE CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2022

Analysis

The 2022 vintage represents the sixth release of Tongue Dancer Wines' Pratt Vineyard/Irwin Lane Chardonnay or simply the "Flying Barrel" as it is affectionately known. We have been a huge fan of this wine from the start with the 2017 vintage and we have yet to award any version fewer than 95 points. This Chardonnay is made entirely with whole cluster pressed grapes straight to barrel and then fermented with Burgundy yeast in a 100% French Oak egg-shaped barrel (105-gallon) and rested on its lees for 11 months in French oak barrels (25% new). It is bottled unfired and lightly filtered because why disturb perfection? This vintage presents something different while also being firmly rooted in past vintages with its complex tropical notes. It's amazingly lean while semi-opulent with incredible balance and length. This is certainly for lovers of White Burgundy — Chablis Premier Cru.

Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B+

Tasting Note

Brilliant, green/gold color. The aromatics are intense, offering scents of lychee and meringue with supporting notes of honey, nectarine, mineral, sandalwood, and apricot stone. The palate echoes the nose delivering a ripe orchard fruits-driven core with flavors of white peach, pineapple, and lemon curd. The finish is long and lingering. Medium to full-bodied and perfectly balanced with a supple yet vibrant texture.

How to Enjoy

Serve chilled but not too cold or you will suppress the the subtle nuances abundant in this wine. Pair it with smoked fish or vegetable curries.



Country: USA

Region: California

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: Chardonnay

Retail Price: \$49

ABV: 13.75%



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