



Lang & Reed 2022 Chenin Blanc – Napa Valley

This 2022 Chenin Blanc - Napa Valley is the sixth bottling of Lang & Reed's exploration of this wonderful grape in the Napa Valley! A generation ago, the noble Chenin Blanc was one of the most widely planted white grapes in the Napa Valley, almost as widely planted as Chardonnay. Today, there are a scant 17.5 acres that are in high demand by a new generation of winemakers who seek to create something special from this unique grape. For Lang & Reed, the inspiration remains the Loire Valley in France, where Chenin Blanc gained its fame. The source for this bottling comes from a tiny hillside vineyard on the eastern rim of the Napa Valley, just below Howell Mountain.

The wine's vinification is a collaborative effort between winemakers John and Reed Skupny. Reed has had his hand in making white wine on three continents - Sauvignon Blanc in New Zealand, Chardonnay in Napa Valley, and Chenin Blanc in Chinon, France. For this wine, the grapes were whole cluster pressed, left to settle for a day, and then transferred into barrels, two new French oak barrels (Louis Latour & Gauthier) and two seasoned French oak barrels. Two of the barrels were inoculated with selected yeast strains, while the other two were allowed to ferment on the indigenous yeast. The lees were stirred (battonage) weekly until June, one month before bottling. The final assemblage proved greater than any of the individual barrels.

Description

The 2022 Lang & Reed Napa Valley Chenin Blanc is a generous and effusive version of this exceptional grape. An exotic mix of stone fruit and honeysuckle exude from the aromas, with almost sweet hints of crème brûlée. On the palate, the initial flavors are ripe peach, pear, and savory earth notes; as the wine expands on the palate, it gains vibrant complexity, with the fruit flavors complimented by hints of linden flower, lightly toasted almonds, and vanilla. This is truly a wine with great energy whose viscous, rich styling has a persistent and pleasing finish.

Varietal Composition	100% Chenin Blanc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley – Eastern Hillside
Alcohol Content	14.0% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.52 g/L
pH	3.68
Cooperage	French Oak, 2 New & 2 Seasoned – 6 Months
Case Production	119 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	July 28, 2023
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
Release Date	Winter 2024
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SRP	\$75.00/750mL

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