



Lang & Reed 2023 Chenin Blanc – Napa Valley

This 2023 Chenin Blanc - Napa Valley is the seventh 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 less than 20 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 vineyard planted for Lang & Reed, located in the cool Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley.

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 one seasoned French oak barrel. Two of the barrels were inoculated with selected yeast strains, while the other was 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 2023 Chenin Blanc, Napa Valley is a subtle and yet precise expression of the varietal attributes of this exceptional grape. Aromatics include a mix of stone fruit, delicate hints of herbs, and a top note of honey. On the palate, the initial flavors include peach, pear, and savory earth notes; as the wine expands on the palate, it gains with a vibrant expanse of fruit flavors complimented by hints of linden flower, lightly toasted almonds, and vanilla. The flavors persist in the finish with ample acidity to support the added richness that cellar aging will bring forth.

Varietal Composition	100% Chenin Blanc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley – Oak Knoll District
Clonal Selection	Entav-Inra 982
Alcohol Content	13.8% by Volume
Total Acidity	6.2 g/L
pH	3.34
Cooperage	French Oak, 2 New & 1 Seasoned – 9 Months
Case Production	53 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	August 2024
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
Release Date	Winter 2025
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SRP	\$75.00/750mL

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