



NEW-ISH OAK CHARDONNAY - 2016

Technical info

Vineyard	Mulberry Tree Vineyard Cawston, Similkameen Valley, BC, Canada
Clones	76, 95, 548
Alcohol	12.5%
Harvest Date	August 29-September 3, 2016
Production	45 cases
SKU	22356
UPC	6 26990 19171 1
Price	\$TBC (+tax & deposit) (TBC whsl, \$TBC Hosp)

Tasting Notes

The 2016 New-ish Oak Chardonnay is not like most Little Farm Chardonnay. Usually we use only old, neutral barrels, but for this wine, as the name suggests, there is some 2-year old oak that adds toasty, butter and nut notes to the crisp and fresh lemon and stone fruit. The racy, wet stone minerality lingers through the finish and the oak gives a wonderful rich texture.

Vintage & Production

Vintage 2016 was absolutely ideal for Chardonnay at Little Farm. A warm and early spring set up a perfect canopy with a good sized crop. What looked like a very hot season changed with one of the coolest July's on record. This cool month extended the growing season, allowing extra flavour and complexity to develop in the grapes while retaining perfect balance. The grapes are organically farmed in the mineral rich, calcium carbonate soils of our home Mulberry Tree Vineyard in Cawston, Similkameen Valley. Three clones are used (76, 95 & 548) and our winemaking is hands off using native yeast, lees ageing and low sulfur levels. There were only two barrels of this Chardonnay, fermented wild and then aged on the lees in second use oak for over a year before selling and then bottling unfiltered and unfiltered in early 2018.

About Little Farm Winery

Little Farm Winery is the small hands-on operation of Rhys Pender MW and Alishan Driediger. It started with a passion for wine and developed into growing and producing Chardonnay and Riesling from their Mulberry Tree Vineyard at their home in Cawston, BC in the beautiful Similkameen Valley. A dry Rosé and Cabernet Franc from Blind Creek Vineyard were added later. The goal was always to make wines with minimal manipulation and intervention that really capture the vineyard site and each year's unique growing season. The vines were planted in 2009 on the calcium carbonate rich soil, braving the unforgiving Similkameen sun and wind. The first wines were made in 2011. Total production in 2016 was 1,000 cases. Little Farm Winery will never be big and will always focus on making small batches of single-vineyard wine that reflect each site's unique characteristics. The goal is to make interesting, characterful, natural-ish wines and look after our little farm.

Rhys Pender MW, Wine Grower

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