



2024 RED SHOULDER RANCH® Chardonnay

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Shafer's single-vineyard Chardonnay is produced from small-clustered clones of grapes selected for their low yields and distinctive flavors. The vineyard is named for its Red-shouldered Hawks and other birds of prey, who play an important role in Shafer's sustainable farming practices.

Release Date	September 1, 2025
Vineyard Locations	Shafer's Red Shoulder Ranch estate vineyard in Carneros
2024 Growing Season	The long 2024 summer offered ideal stretches of warm days and cool nights. In early September temperatures rose on cue, ushering in a harvest of bright, elegant fruit.
Brix at Harvest	22.8° - 25.0°
Fermentation	Whole-cluster pressed and fermented with wild yeast in individual barrels (40% oak, 60% stainless steel); 0% malolactic fermentation
Barrel Aging	9 months in 40% new French oak barrels (Allier, Vosges) and 60% in stainless steel barrels
Alcohol	14.9%

Winemaker's Comments

"This luminous Chardonnay fills the glass with elegant aromas of citrus blossom, honeysuckle, and exotic spice. Flinty minerality and bright honeydew melon add lift, while vibrant acidity and lithe structure create a sense of purity and poise. Beautifully balanced, it delivers energy, freshness, and lasting finesse." — **Elias Fernandez, Shafer Vineyards Winemaker**

Shafer Vineyards

Shafer Vineyards has crafted wines in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District for nearly 50 years. The estate encompasses 242 acres (98 ha) of world-class vineyards, sources for Shafer's wines — Hillside Select, Relentless, One Point Five, TD-9, Merlot, and Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay.

