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CHARDONNAY · CARNEROS · NAPA VALLEY

2022 Red Shoulder Ranch

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, 2023
VINEYARD LOCATION	Shafer's Red Shoulder Ranch estate vineyard in Carneros
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
COOPERAGE	8 months in 40% new French oak barrels (Allier, Vosges) and 60% in stainless steel barrels
ALCOHOL	14.9%

2022 GROWING SEASON

The long 2022 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.

"2022 Red Shoulder Ranch is a refreshing, vibrant Chardonnay characterized by its lush, glass-filling aromas of white flowers, lemon zest, and exotic fruit. On the palate it offers a graceful balance of energy and richness, with flavors of white melon, apricot, ripe pineapple, flint, honey, and Crème Brûlée. With its pure, Chablis-like acidity this vintage offers effortless structure and elegant balance with a long, delightful finish."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, WINEMAKER