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CHARDONNAY · CARNEROS · NAPA VALLEY

2023 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, 2024
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	9 months in 40% new French oak barrels (Allier, Vosges) and 60% in stainless steel barrels
ALCOHOL	14.9%

2023 GROWING SEASON

The long 2023 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.

"The 2023 is true to the outstanding vintage with brilliant, elegant aromas and flavors of citrus peel, honeycomb, white flowers, apricot, pineapple, and warm river stone all held together with effortless structure, lithe balance, and brightness that comes from pitch-perfect acidity."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, WINEMAKER