



2022 RED SHOULDER RANCH® CHARDONNAY

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

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.

<i>Release Date</i>	September 1, 2023
<i>Vineyard Location</i>	Shafer's Red Shoulder Ranch estate vineyard in Carneros
<i>The 2022 Growing Season</i>	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.
<i>Brix at Harvest</i>	22.8° - 25.0°
<i>Fermentation</i>	Whole-cluster pressed and fermented with wild yeast in individual barrels (40% oak, 60% stainless steel); 0% malolactic fermentation
<i>Cooperage</i>	8 months in 40% new French oak barrels (Allier, Vosges) and 60% in stainless steel barrels
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"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, SHAFER WINEMAKER

SHAFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards has crafted wines in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District for nearly 50 years. The estate encompasses 240 acres of world-class vineyards, sources for Shafer's wines — Hillside Select, Relentless, One Point Five, TD-9, and Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, and Petite Sirah.