

# KOSTA BROWNE 2023 CERISE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

COMPLEX AND VIBRANT

Established in 1997, Cerise Vineyard rises from 600 to 1,600 feet along steep, rocky hillsides in Anderson Valley. This rugged terrain naturally limits yields, producing wines of exceptional dimension and character. As one of the region's most celebrated sites, Cerise seamlessly blends striking beauty with expressive complexity.

The 2023 growing season delivered ideal conditions for the Wente clone Chardonnay at Cerise Vineyard, allowing this tightly clustered selection to develop remarkable precision and aromatic intensity. Whole-cluster, direct-pressed and fermented entirely in barrel, the wine was aged for 11 months in 25% new French oak, followed by 7 months in stainless steel to preserve its freshness and tension.

The nose opens with a vibrant bouquet of honeysuckle, vanilla, and lemon curd, layered with rain-soaked shingles, crushed walnut, and a distinct wet-stone minerality. The palate is round and creamy, offering a glossy mid-palate that carries bright mineral definition and lingering wet-stone character, finishing with a zesty, extended lift.



Aged in 25%  
new French oak



TA  
5.56



ABV  
13.6

## TASTING NOTES

**AROMA** A vibrant bouquet of honeysuckle, vanilla, rain-soaked shingles, wet stone, lemon curd, and crushed walnut.

**PALATE** Round and creamy in texture, with a glossy mid-palate, bright minerality, and lingering wet-stone character leading into a zesty, extended finish.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

**FERMENTATION** 100% barrel; 100% whole cluster

**ÉLEVAGE** 25% new French oak for 11 months then 100% of the blend was aged in stainless steel for 7 months

**ALCOHOL** 13.6% **pH** 3.44 **TA** 5.56 g/L

## VINEYARD DETAILS

**VINEYARD** Cerise

**CLONE** Wente

**SOIL** Bearwallow complex

