



2005 Estate Chardonnay – Verna's

\$22/bottle

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production

This wine is 100% from our Los Alamos estate in Cat Canyon and is a combination of clones 76, 95 and 96, planted on well-drained sandy-loam soils. The fruit was harvested by hand then gently whole-cluster pressed, cold settled overnight and transferred by gravity to barrel for fermentation in neutral French oak, partial malolactic ($\pm 10\%$) and subsequent sur lie aging without any lees disturbance.

tasting notes

A bright, clean golden-green hue describes this aromatically dynamic wine that is full of exotic expressions. Fruit nuances of candied green apple combine with elements of white peaches, green melon and star fruit. Dried pear and papaya also linger, along with herbal components of green tea, cactus and sage. An oily marzipan, hazelnut, banana and white chocolate theme also completes this enticing background. Texturally, the juxtaposition of a racy, nervous edge balance against fleshy fruit that adds both dimension and length of finish, keeping the wine generous and driven.

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