

Lula

2021 Skycrest Vineyard Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes:

Nestled on rugged mountainous valleys and slopes at 2200 ft, the wine speaks to high elevation, thrilling aspect and weathered soils the vineyard experiences. Hand picked, whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented, the winemaking goal to protect and promote the natural beauty of the grapes. Pale lemon in appearance with floral aromas of citrus, stone fruit and subtle French oak. The complex layered palate is persistent, long and seamless.

Vineyard:

Situated at 2200' above the town of Boonville, and planted to numerous clonal selections, the Skycrest Vineyard is a steep hillside vineyard that sits above the fogline allowing the grapes to experience cool, sun-filled days.

2021 Harvest:

Following light rains over the winter and spring, the 2021 growing season was unusually dry. In response, we proactively managed the vineyard by reducing the crop load and therefore balance the vines. The resulting wines are surprisingly delicate, focused and generous.

Winemaking:

The grapes were hand harvested at night to preserve the delicate fruit aromas and flavors. This gentle approach continued with whole bunch pressing followed by fermentation and maturation in seasoned French oak barrels. The monthly stirring of the yeast lees helped promote a partial malolactic fermentation and mouth feel. After 10 months of maturation, the wine was then racked from barrel and gently fined and filtered.

Cases produced:	169	Alcohol:	12.5%
Bottling date:	July 2022	Titrateable Acidity:	6.5 g/L
Suggested retail:	\$55	PH	3.3

About Lula Cellars:

Lula Cellars is a boutique winery located in the revered "Deep End" of the Anderson Valley, whose handcrafted wines attract the highest awards and devoted fans alike. Driven by a passion for the Anderson Valley and the Lula vineyard, Matt Parish assumed winemaking direction with the 2017 harvest. A highly regarded International winemaker, Matt leverages more than two decades of experience to create the perfect portfolio for Lula. While focused on deliciously complex Pinot Noirs, the portfolio includes beautifully balanced Whites, delicate Rosés, and elegant full-bodied Reds.

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