



2023 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 is 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.

2023 Harvest:

The 2023 growing season is characterized by exceptional quality despite the substantial delay in developing the grape crop due to below average temperatures during the summer months. Micro-rain events delayed harvest operations, but the extra hang time gave the wines a lovely character.

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:	258	Alcohol:	14.0%
Bottling date:	June 2024	Titrateable Acidity:	6.29 g/L
Suggested retail:	\$55	PH	3.49

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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