



## FIREBENT

### 2022 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

*Firebent* has been a name in our quiver for over twenty years, waiting for the right wine to pair with it. In 2022, we were enthralled with the Chardonnay coming from the Atlas Peak AVA of the Napa Valley, specifically from the Stagecoach and Antica Vineyards; typically, the grape doesn't do well in Napa due to the warmer climate but the high elevation on Atlas Peak allows for the grape to thrive. Considering the wine is whole cluster pressed and then barrel fermented in fire-bent barrels (as opposed to water bent), we really had no choice on the name.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The *2022 Firebent Chardonnay* pours a liquid pale yellow gold into the glass. Immediate aromatics emerge—notes of ripe peach, caramel, apple strudel, honeysuckle and brioche dominate. On the palate, the wine is silky smooth with elegant tones of ripe Bosc pear, lemon meringue, white flowers, and touches of cinnamon and mint. The finish is soft with a pleasant lifting acidity complemented by rolls of texture and hints of caramel.

### BLEND

Chardonnay

### MATURATION

Barrel fermented and aged sur lie for 9 months in French Oak, 65% New

### ALC/VOL

14.8%

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