

TENOR



2022 Tenor Solaksen Chardonnay

The 2022 Tenor Solaksen Chardonnay is a single vineyard wine from the Royal Slope AVA.

The winemaking team worked with our vineyard manager to restrict yields, creating concentrated, expressive berries. Canopy management and irrigation strategies were implemented to highlight the unique aspects of the vintage. Flavor development and sugar accumulation occurred on a similar trajectory.

Harvest was in the early mornings of the first week of October. At the winery, the fruit was whole cluster pressed directly to 100% new French oak.

Barrels of varying formats were selected to create layers of complexity. Fermentation was done at a low temperature, lasting several months. Full malolactic fermentation added weight and texture. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months and then racked off of its lees after one year. The final blend was cold stabilized in tank, and bottled unfined and unfiltered, producing only 111 cases.

The final wine is 100% Chardonnay, Clones 15 and 76, planted in 2015.

“Grown at elevation on the northern edge of the appellation, the 2022 Chardonnay Solaksen Vineyard is a thick, rich, mineral-driven white with racy acidity and balance. It shows tremendous sophistication and full-bodied intentionality, offering densely delicious flavors of pear and nutmeg, the oak adding tension and additional spice. Age another 10-12 years.”

– 94 POINTS, VIRGINIE BOONE, JEBDUNNUCK.COM

SELECT VINEYARDS

1 ROYAL SLOPE AVA SOLAKSEN VINEYARD



LABELED AVA	ROYAL SLOPE
VARIETALS	100% CHARDONNAY
FERMENTATION	FERMENTED IN BARREL SLOW AND COOL OVER THE COURSE OF MONTHS
AGING	AGED IN THE SAME BARREL THAT IT WAS FERMENTED IN FOR 20 MONTHS 100% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS
ALCOHOL	14.9%
CASES	111
BEST BETWEEN	NOW – 2034
RETAIL	\$95