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Background

Winery: Vintager

Country: US

Region: California – Sonoma

Description: The Vintager project, a Wine Trust exclusive, brings to market “hidden gem” small-batch and limited release wines from some of California’s best micro-wineries. With individual production volumes as small as 100 cases per bottling, these hard-to-find wines represent California’s artisanal wine-making tradition at its best and most authentic.

Wine Notes – 2012 Vintager Chardonnay – Sonoma Knight’s Valley

The Vintager Chardonnay 2012 is sourced from the unique Franz Valley sub-appellation of Sonoma’s Knights Valley. This small valley floor, surrounded by steep, shady and cooling conifer-forested hills, is just east of Chalk Hill and receives the same cooling effect from coastal fog, leading to significant day / night temperature swings. As a result, this area makes exceptional Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and has long been home to some of California’s top producers. This barrel-aged Chardonnay is an elegant, full-bodied yet balanced wine that is true to its cool-climate roots.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	Sonoma – Knights Valley
Vine Age / Yields:	10-30 year old vines in a shaded, conifer-forested valley
Production Volume:	748 cs produced
Vineyard Characteristics:	Gravelly clay-loam, medium depth with a gravel layer at 4’ which provides natural drainage
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Sustainably-farmed, early-morning hand-harvested in half-ton macrobins, bunch-sorted, fermented at noon Aged in new French oak for 18 months
Alcohol / Volume:	13.9 %
Residual Sugar:	2.3 g/L
pH:	3.44
Acidity:	4.64 g/L