

Wrath

2024 Wrath Chardonnay, Fermata

Overview

Wrath represents a nexus of nature and an unbridled passion for winemaking. We produce site-driven Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, Falanghina and Sauvignon Blanc from our estate vineyard and respected properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Our production is small, our distribution is limited and our wines reveal attitude, passion, and an inherent respect for what a vineyard can give us.

Philosophy

Our wines are a record of the topography, geology and climate of a finite, naturally defined piece of land over the span of a growing season. They chronicle the elaborate dance between terroir, grape, people and time. While all of our wines possess strong varietal characteristics, their real strength is their ability to deliver the unique aromatics, flavors and textures of a specific site.

Vineyard

Our Estate San Saba Vineyard is set in a sheltered nook just below the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The estate consists of 72 acres of which 67.75 are planted to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Falanghina. This is a cool site with little rainfall and one of the longest growing seasons in the world. Our soils, Arroyo Gravelly Loam and Hanford Gravelly Sandy Loam, provide a low-vigor, well-draining, disease- and pest-free medium for our vines. They also impart a subtle mineral quality to our wines.

To preserve our local ecosystem, we have worked with viticultural consultant Steve McIntyre to develop a sustainable farming program, certified by CCVT, tailored to our estate. In addition to protecting the local environment, we believe it allows us to produce wines that are more authentic and specific to our terroir.



Production Notes

The 2024 vintage was one of the best growing years our area has had recently. We had plenty of rain in the spring so fruit-set was just as planned and summer brought steady warm days with no high temps so clusters had plenty of time to stay on the vine, developing flavor complexity. “Fermata” is Italian for halted. Wrath’s Fermata Chardonnay is so named because we utilize lots in which the malolactic fermentation has been halted at about 50 percent. We believe this gives the resulting wine more precision and interest. Grapes are handpicked and hand sorted. After pressing the wine is barrel fermented; some barrels inoculated with Montrachet yeast and others ferment slower, utilizing the natural yeast found in the winery. A blend of Mt. Eden, #17 and Wente clones from our estate vineyard, the wine ages for 10 months in French oak, 20 percent of which is new. After 10 months in barrel, the wine is bottled on-site and laid down for another year of aging.

Technical Data

Composition	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard	San Saba Vineyard
AVA	Monterey
Clones	34% Mt. Eden, 33% clone 17 and 33% Wente
Oak	French oak, 20% new
Alcohol	14.2%
Cases	200
Suggested Retail	\$35