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## 2022 CHARDONNAY

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VINEYARD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Ripe Chardonnay grapes aren't pretty; when they reach optimal ripeness, some would say they're even ugly. As they ripen, the immaculate golden glow turns slightly brown, and the two-toned clusters are the cue that they're close to being ready to come off the vine. While the majority of Our Lady of Guadalupe Vineyard is in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, we chose the western edge of our property, 300 yards west of the AVA line and close to the ocean, to be the only Chardonnay block. The 'Old Wente' clone is our favorite because of the 'hens and chicks' that typically occur—clusters with a mix of tiny and regular sized berries, which leads to tremendous complexity in the resulting wine. Sweet and luscious berries integrate with the acid in the less golden berries leaving us with multilayered juice. We were so blown away by our first OLG Chardonnay, that we promptly planted more acreage—such are the luxuries of estate winegrowing.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2022 OLG Chardonnay is a sight to behold—a slow moving pour of pale liquid gold with a hint of a blue-green shimmer against the light. Aromatically, the wine draws you in with its gravity, notes of Meyer lemon zest, Marcona almond, white flower, praline, a beguiling toast with a hint of musk. The entry envelops effortlessly with a rich texture and pointed 'tip-of-the-tongue' acidity at the same time; minerality and lemon custard are buttressed with hints of pecorino and Granny Smith apple. Bright and fresh, the wine closes with a touch of caramel that never quite disappears.

## COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Vineyard  
Clonal Selection: Old Wente (67)

## ÉLEVAGE

Barrel fermented and aged for nine months in 50% New French Oak, 30% Neutral French Oak and 20% Stainless Steel

Cooperage Selection: Francois Freres, Alain Fouquet and Damy

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH:	3.41
Titratable Acidity:	6.2 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5%

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