

## 2021 Charles Heintz Vineyard Isobel Chardonnay



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"There are very few better vintages of this," winemaker Andy Smith exclaims during our tasting, and I have to agree. It's bursting with scents of matchstick, chamomile, Greek yogurt and white peach, and over time, it unfurls unique spicy, herbal undertones. The palate is intensely concentrated, boasting expansive, dynamic flavors that segue from stone fruit to honey. Satiny and seamless, it has a tremendously long finish with mind-altering depth of flavor. Fans of Burgundy will love it for its flinty tones, and fans of California for its concentration and power. -Erin Brooks, June 2023



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The 2021 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard Isobel is aged in 350-500 liter low-toast barrels, 25% of them new. After a swirl or two, notes of fresh nectarines, mandarin peel, and grapefruit emerge, leading to touches of honeysuckle, marzipan, and baking bread. The medium-bodied palate delivers electric-charged stone fruit and citrus flavors with a racy backbone and satiny texture, finishing long and zesty. - Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, July 2023

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Intense aromas of dried fruits such as lemons and peaches with lemongrass and botanicals. Flinty. Full and intense with dried pineapple and creamy yet firm textured phenolics. Lots of solid character here. Extremely flavorful with salted caramel. Hints of oiliness with bright acidity. Fantastic. This is one of the best I have had from here. Drink or hold.

-James Suckling, March 2023

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The 20th vintage DuMOL has produced from this site, the youthful gold-en/straw-colored 2021 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard Isobel is flinty and filled with pure fruit, including lime zest, fresh pineapple, and green apple, as well as sea spray. This bright, freshly styled white is medium-bodied, with more apple fruit, white flowers, and delicate baking spices on the finish. Drink 2024-2034. This is a snappy and fresh wine. - Audrey Frick, July 2023



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The 2021 Chardonnay Isobel Charles Heintz Vineyard is fabulous. Rich and expansive in feel, the Heintz shows all of the textural resonance this site is so well known for. Apricot, chamomile, spice and light tropical notes all build in this ample Chardonnay. The intensity of small berries in this vintage come through loud and clear. This is a fabulous vintage for the Isobel.

-Antonio Galloni, January 2023

