

GARDEN CREEK

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2021 Garden Creek Chardonnay Estate Clonal Selection Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

CASES MADE
148 / 750ml

RELEASE DATE
April 2025

WINEMAKERS
Karin and Justin
Warnelius-Miller

Winemaker Notes

A vintage in reflection of a classic Burgundy with levels of textures, sculpted acidity and warm tones of Alexander Valley. The heightened acid lifting the aromatics into euphoria as the wine enters your palate. Concentrated flavors of citrus blossom, apricot, nectarine and white peach with undertones of Gala red apple and gentle wood. A very long extensive finish. Superb and elegant.

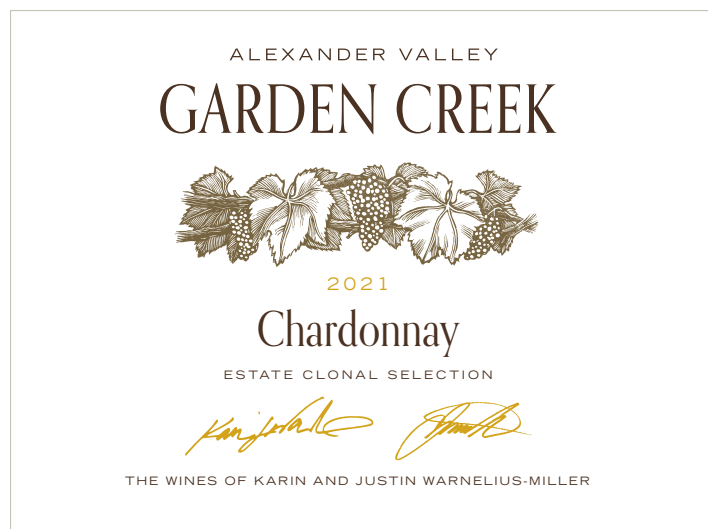
Vintage

The 2021 growing season started with a very dry winter, with almost no rain in the month of February. Due to the lack of moisture, there were increased frost events, which when combined with an extended period of bloom led to some shatter during cluster formation, resulting in smaller overall yields. Summer brought ideal temperate weather ensuring that the grapes were able to achieve excellent ripeness. While harvest was fairly compressed, with both white and red grapes coming into the winery at the same time, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, producing a stunning vintage of beautifully concentrated wines with deep, alluring aromatics and texture.

Midnight hand harvesting of each clone over six days with small berries and concentrated fruit flavors, aromatics and texture. With low intervention winemaking, a gentle cremant pressing after a 24-hour carbonic maceration in stainless tank. Individual clone fermentations in French oak over an eight-week period. Once topped, gentle sur lee aging with lees stirring to achieve a round mouth feel. Three-years bottle aging allowing the wines to achieve a seamless beauty throughout.

Vineyard

22 acres of Estate Chardonnay. Soils consist of clay, metaphoric and alluvial soils. Eleven clones grown under strict organic and regenerative vineyard management practices since 1994. Vineyard planted in 1970 and 1980 by 2-acre blocks for a micro understanding and attention.



APPELLATION
Alexander Valley
Sonoma County

MATURITY
2025 thru 2035

VINEYARDS
100% Estate Grown

HARVEST DATES
August 27 - September 1,
2021

CLONES
Hudson, Hyde,
95, 809, Old Wente

FERMENTATION
Lots Kept Separate By
Clone and Soil Selection
Montrachet Yeast
French Oak Barrel
Fermentations

SITE
Benchland

ELEVATION
425 Feet

SOIL
Alluvial, Volcanic, Clay

VINEYARD PLANTED
1970 & 1980

BLOCKS
7,8,9

BARREL AGING
French Burgundy
Château Tonnelleries
Sirugue & Latour
New 5%
Old Oak 95%
11 Months Aging

FINAL ANALYSIS
Alcohol 13.9%

DATE BOTTLED
August 24, 2022

Serve at 55° to allow the natural aromatics and texture to appear.

SINCE
1969

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