

# RAEN

*Research in Agriculture and Enology Naturally*



## THE 2023 VINTAGE

### *A Vintage to Remember*

The 2023 vintage on the west Sonoma Coast is one of the best we have experienced since founding RAEN.

The growing season began with heavy winter rainfall, cleansing the thirsty forests, rivers, and meadows, nourishing our vines and all the microflora, fauna, and nature surrounding them. A cool, breezy spring gave way to a beautiful, mild summer. As harvest approached, coastal fog engulfed the grapes, sunlight shone softly above, and with each day, slowly and evenly, the grapes approached ripeness. As we began harvest without rush, the beautiful aromatics from each of our sites slowly began to fill the cellar air. The cool 2023 growing season on the Coast has imparted its mark of near perfection for what we love in wine - lifted aromatics, elegance, and depth that reflect the incredibly biodiverse sites where our vines are rooted.

Enjoyable now, this vintage is one we can't wait to tuck away in the cellar and watch evolve for many more decades to come.

## 2023 LADY MARJORIE, SONOMA COAST

Varietal	CHARDONNAY
Vineyards	5 ACRES
Farming	ORGANIC & REGENERATIVE PRACTICES
Soils	JOSEPHINE, GOLD RIDGE
Clones	WENTE, 4
Fermentation	WHOLE CLUSTER, NATIVE
Alc %	12.5%
Winemaker	MELANIE MCINTYRE
Proprietors / Winegrowers	CARLO & DANTE MONDAVI

This bottling is dedicated to our grandmother Marjorie, who will always be a bright light of inspiration for us. An incredible woman, her hard work and steadfast determination led us to where we are today. Born from the remote, rugged landscape of the Sonoma Coast, our Lady Marjorie Chardonnay hails from the rocky soils of the true Sonoma Coast, resulting in a wine of incredible depth and vibrancy. The wine fills the bowl with floral notes of lemon zest, crushed gravel, white and yellow flowers, honeysuckle and just-ripe nectarine. On the palate, these aromas come together with notes of zesty lime blossom and stone fruits, all integrated seamlessly with a bright backbone of wet rock-minerality, and subtle notes of salinity that all lead to an incredibly bright and persistent finish.

