



# 2023 Chardonnay SLH



## VINEYARD Smith & Lindley Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands

The 2023 SLH Chardonnay was sourced exclusively from the marine influenced Smith & Lindley vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The Santa Lucia Highlands are perched on the terraces of the Santa Lucia Mountains. South of the Monterey Bay, this cool climate appellation benefits from a combination of sunshine and afternoon winds. These intense winds slow down photosynthesis leading to a long growing season and allowing fruit to mature slowly on the vines for rich and vibrant flavors.

## WINE ANALYSIS

Total Acid	6.5 g/l	Varietal	100% Chardonnay
RS	0.4 g/l	Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands
pH	3.44	Aging Process	100% French oak barrels, 15% new
Finished Alcohol	13.6%		

## APPELLATION DETAIL

Santa Lucia Highlands



## TASTING NOTES

The 2023 SLH Chardonnay is expressive and fruit forward. It opens with lemon cream and citrus with a beautiful streak of minerality. Our winemaker chose to age this wine in 100% French oak barrels, 15% new, to create a smooth and creamy mouthfeel.

Flavors of Meyer lemon, pineapple and honeydew are balanced by a hint of toasty oak. The finish is long and creamy yet beautifully balanced with fresh acidity. This wine is an ideal pairing for a variety of foods. We recommend pairing it with grilled salmon or chicken.

## HISTORY OF ACCLAIM

Vintage 2022 - 97 Points, Best Chardonnay \$20 - \$40, Double Gold, Sunset International Wine Competition

Vintage 2021 - 93 Points, Wine Enthusiast

Vintage 2020 - 91 Points, Wine Enthusiast

## SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$25