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Mannequin Chardonnay 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

California's vast landscape offers extraordinary diversity for Chardonnay cultivation, and Mannequin 2021 is the result of careful sourcing from multiple prestigious appellations. Fruit was selected from **Russian River Valley**, **Atlas Peak**, **Santa Maria Valley**, and additional high-quality sites across the state. Each contributes distinctive elements—from bright citrus and floral notes to creamy textures and underlying minerality.

The coastal influence in regions like Santa Maria and Russian River brings natural acidity and floral aromatics, while warmer inland areas provide ripeness and tropical intensity. Some lots exhibit linear, mineral-driven profiles; others are generous, rich, and fruit-forward. Through meticulous blending, these contrasting expressions are united into a Chardonnay that reflects the complexity and bounty of California terroir. Mannequin is, quite literally, a **sculpted Chardonnay mosaic**, piece by piece.

Winemaking

Composed entirely of **Chardonnay**, Mannequin 2021 was vinified with an emphasis on both richness and precision. Each lot was vinified separately and underwent sur lie aging for **eight months in French oak barrels**, **23% new**, which enhances texture, creaminess, and aromatic complexity.

Fermentation and maturation on fine lees contribute a silk-like quality, while a prominent spine of acidity maintains structure and energy. At **15.2% alcohol**, the wine is unapologetically opulent but never heavy, thanks to its balance between ripeness, freshness, and subtle oak integration. The result is a Chardonnay that is simultaneously luxurious and bright.

Alcohol :15,20 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Brilliant white-gold with flashes of chartreuse, striking in clarity and shine.
- **Aroma**: Opulent aromas of golden apple, jasmine, citrus zest, cream, and freshly baked brioche.
- **Palate**: Lush on entry, revealing honeydew melon and green apple layered with citrus cream. A vibrant acidity cuts through the richness, leading to a long, seamless finish with mineral lift and silk-like texture.

Did you know?

The name *Mannequin* reflects both the wine's crafted precision and the winemaker's desire to challenge convention. In a state known for stylistic extremes in Chardonnay—from lean to lavish—Orin Swift set out to create a **balanced California Chardonnay** that expresses regional diversity, stylistic confidence, and textural grace.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Lobster risotto with lemon zest and mascarpone**: Elevates the wine's richness and mirrors its creamy texture.
- **Herb-roasted chicken with garlic confit**: A classic, savory match that highlights both the fruit and minerality.
- **Seared scallops with beurre blanc**: Harmonizes with the wine's silkiness and citrus notes.
- **Comté or Délice de Bourgogne**: Rich, creamy cheeses that echo the wine's voluptuous character.

Robert Parker (RP) : 90 Points (2021)

Even with an appreciable volume (11,300 cases), all of the 2021 Chardonnay Mannequin was barrel fermented and matured, spending eight months in 23% new French oak. Blended primarily from Santa Barbara and Sonoma sources (there is some Napa fruit, as well as 2.6% Viognier), it's toasty on the nose, boasting notes of roasted cashew, grilled peaches and vanilla. It's full-bodied, lush and easy to drink, with tropical fruit and pineapple on the finish. (WK)