



CHECKMATE

ARTISANAL WINERY

CheckMate Artisanal Winery was born out of a bold vision that our winemaker, drawing on years of experience in the vineyard, could produce elegant, world-class wines from an unexpected place: British Columbia's Okanagan Valley.

What originally began as a dream is now setting a new standard for excellence.

2022 Fool's Mate Chardonnay

A blend of our five unique 'climats,' this wine exemplifies our region and the complexity that is possible when distinct vineyard sites are brought together in one blend.

Winemaking Process

HAND SORTED

The Chardonnay clusters arrive at the winery in small picking containers, where each bunch is inspected and hand sorted. The whole bunches are then gently pressed.

WILD FERMENTATION

Naturally-occurring yeasts compete as each batch ferments, imparting layers of texture and nuance. Malolactic fermentation gradually softens the wines as they cellar in oak.

ELEVAGE

During barrel fermentation and maturation, winemakers carefully undertake a regimen of bâtonnage. This periodic stirring of the lees in the barrel refines the texture and mouthfeel of the finished wine. Using a variety of vessels, from French cooperages to concrete eggs, allows us to bring out texture and complexity.

UNFINED, UNFILTERED

Finally, the finished wine goes to bottle — unfinned and unfiltered, to preserve a complete expression of Chardonnay and the terroir.

Tasting Notes

Complex aromas of lemon, quince paste, apricot preserves with hints of almond. The palate has a creamy entry with flavors of lemon meringue, lime zest, and freshly baked bread. The crunchy fruit is complemented by a long and textural finish.

Wine Spectator 91 Points

*This is creamy in texture, boasting flavors of peach, apple, lemon oil and baking spice flavors. Shows intensity on a lightweight frame, with fine balance, a fluid feel and a long finish.
Drink now through 2030.*



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Winemaker Notes

ESTATES:

- 32% Dekelva-Combret Vineyard,
- 31% Sunset Vineyard,
- 30% Jagged Rock Vineyard,
- 7% Border Vista Vineyard

FERMENTATION:

- 18% wild fermentation

BARREL AGING:

- 66% French oak barrique (50% new);
- 34% Foudre

CLONAL SELECTION:

- Dijon 76 et 95, Hyde-Wente, 548, 1066

CANOPY:

- Vertical Shoot Positioning

ELEVATION:

- 1040 ft-1319 ft

HARVEST:

- Hand-picked

ABV:

- 13.3% / TA 6.45 / pH 3.33

CRAFTED:

- 47 Barrels, 3 Foudre

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