



# 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 Little Pawn Chardonnay

*A blend of two distinct parcels within the Jagged Rock Vineyard. The porous soils of the Black Sage Bench regulate the vines, which produce concentrated fruit with balance and purity.*

### 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

A vibrant nose of key lime, ginger spice, orange blossom, and anise seed. Flavours of tangerines, sage brush and hazelnut excite the senses. The palate has richness while also maintaining a weightless feeling. The long mouthwatering finish hints at the wine's longevity.

## Wine Spectator 92 Points

Though lean and very Chablis-like, this white packs plenty of flavor into its slim frame, with apple, lemon, citronella and oak spice notes.

Focused by lively acidity and lingers nicely on the aftertaste.

Drink now through 2033.



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### Winemaker Notes

#### ESTATES:

- Jagged Rock Vineyard,
- Black Sage Bench

#### FERMENTATION:

- 75% wild fermentation

#### BARREL AGING:

- 90% French oak (56% new);
- 10% concrete egg,
- 14 months in oak

#### CLONAL SELECTION:

- Dijon 76, Dekleva

#### CANOPY:

- Vertical Shoot Positioning

#### ELEVATION:

- 1230 ft-1247 ft

#### HARVEST:

- Hand-picked

#### ABV:

- 13.4% / TA 5.55 / pH 3.28

#### CRAFTED:

- 30 Barrels, 1 Concrete Egg

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