

GHOSTWRITER

wines of the santa cruz mountains

The Ghostwriter is about Santa Cruz and it's many terroirs, old heritage vineyards, and the light, acid driven, pretty, perfumey style of wine that it is capable of. "Ghostwriter" represents the idea that a wine may be the pages that contain a story, but that the story itself belongs to the sites, the vines, and the vintage. The winemaker, when successful, may be a lively storyteller, but only that.

woodruff family vineyard & amaya ridge

The Woodruff Family Vineyard is located in Corralitos on a mostly Southwest facing hillside five miles from Monterey Bay. Extremely cool and foggy weather is the norm for the 7.5 acres 600 feet above sea level that were planted in 1978. The maritime conditions, vine age, and dry farming lead to yields that rarely reach 2 tons per acre and ethereal acid driven wines that are often marked more by texture and mouthfeel than flavor.

Amaya Ridge at 1300 feet along the Amaya ridgeline was planted in the early 80s to Pinot Noir and we added about 1/3 acre of Wente Clone Chardonnay to the site in 2012. The vineyard is characterized by mudstone soils that run through the area and warmer weather as a result of the elevation.

Our Chardonnay yields in 2022 were again, very low. Another heat spell around Labor Day also hastened the harvest a bit and left some of the riper sections unusable. Consequently, we bottled 144 cases for the vintage. Like the 2021, this wine was fermented in a concrete egg, but post fermentation, we did not have enough volume to leave it in the egg so it was moved to a small French oak foudre where it remained until it was bottled at the end February 2024. Like many vintages of this wine, it is Jura influenced with some oxidation and more phenolic characters though still light and possessing the mineral texture that is characteristic of this botting and to some extent, the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Bottled unfiltered and unfined.



vintage 2022

CHARDONNAY Santa Cruz Mountains

TECHNICAL INFO

HARVEST:	September 10, 2022	ALCOHOL:	12.0% by Volume
PH:	3.19	R.S.:	0.01%
TA:	7.30 g/L	PRODUCTION:	144 cases

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