



2020 Chardonnay

Linda Vista Vineyard

Napa Valley

We don't work with Napa for the prestige. We just love what the Matthiassons have been doing with the land to grow such amazing fruit. They have carefully converted this formerly conventional vineyard into a dry-farmed one, and with no watering the vines grow fewer bunches but they blossom into more complex and pristine fruit. Just beyond the border are more prestigious vineyards that earned Napa its international reputation – but we aren't looking to compete with the many mighty Napa Chardonnays out there. We just made a wine that brings out Chardonnay's lip-smacking zippiness and flowery elegance.

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyard: Linda Vista

Varietal: Chardonnay

Clone: Davis clone 4

Age: Planted in 1988

Elevation: 98 feet

Soil: Predominantly cole silt loam

Harvested: August 20 & 25, 2020

Pressed: August 20 & 25, 2020

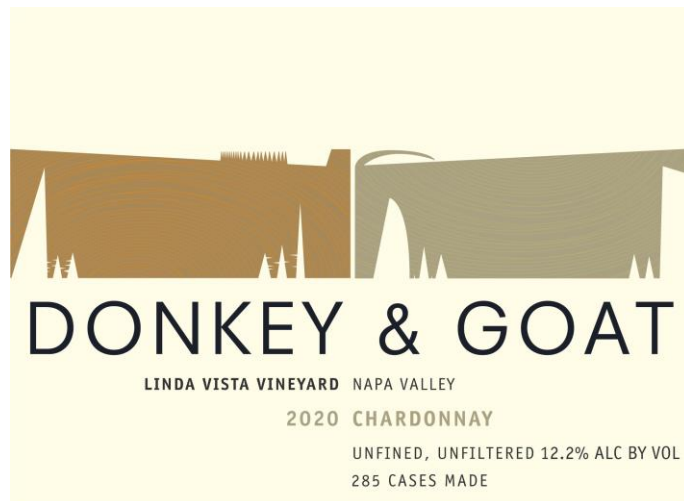
Fermentation: Wild yeast & bacteria in French oak barrels

Barrel aging: 8 months in mix of neutral & once used French oak barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on April 29, 2021

Production: 154 cases made

Release date: Fall 2021



Tasting Note:

This wine combines a Chablis-style zippiness with a richer mouthfeel, hinting at a more luscious style. It's a balance that will appeal to Chardonnay fans across stylistic divides. Lemon brioche, citrus zest and strong minerality from the alluvial soil come forward on the palate, with subtler notes of golden apple. Like so many of our wines, the bright acidity lends itself to food pairing, and this wine will shine with oysters on a half shell, yellowtail sashimi or lemon garlic prawns.