

2012 CHARDONNAY
napa valley

In 1982, Tony Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That long-standing commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Persephone Ranch is located in the heart of Pope Valley, a largely undiscovered site in the northeastern corner of the Napa Valley. The area is characterized by wide temperature swings and little fog, which allows for a consistent growing season and produces fruit with rich, focused flavor. We are able to grow a wide array of grape varieties here that include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. And in keeping with our green initiatives, Persephone is sustainably farmed, moving towards organic certification.

VINTAGE

Textbook bud break and flowering gave us high hopes for harvest, and Mother Nature did not disappoint. Summer temperatures remained in a precise range during the day, before dipping into the low 50s at night. This wide arc provided gentle, steady ripening and balanced sugar levels, and by evading late rains we finished with a bountiful harvest of undeniably excellent fruit.

TASTING

This Chardonnay opens up with aromas of vanilla, orange blossom, and yellow delicious apple, while the palate is slightly more rich and spicy. Full and complex flavors of apple cobbler, ripe pear and candied ginger come through with a surprisingly crisp and clean finish.

APPELLATION
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VINEYARD
persephone

COMPOSITION
100% chardonnay

COOPERAGE
100% french oak, 30% new

AGING
6 months

ALCOHOL
13.5%

TA
5.8 g/l

PH
3.48

HARVEST DATE
september 2012

BOTTLING DATE
may 2013

RELEASE DATE
june 2013

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2015

SRP
\$28