



2023 CHARDONNAY 'ALBA' – *Estate Grown, Edna Valley*

'ALBA' translates to 'Sunrise' or 'Dawn' and the fruit for this select bottling was grown entirely on the steep, east-facing corner of our Estate Vineyard where it is first to greet the rays of the rising sun. This tiny 2.2 acre parcel is one of our favorite blocks of the original plantings, and has been a perennial contributor to our top 'Center of Effort' and 'Giallo Solare' bottlings.

Inspired by the Pacific Ocean's daily influence on our coastal climate - and the ancient seabed that anchors our vines - we were drawn to experimenting with fermentation vessels with a similar connection to the sea. The 'Atlantique' barrel, crafted by Tonnellerie Eric Millard, is made from oak staves that spend a full year submerged beneath the sea before being seasoned and shaped into barrels. A gentle toast preserves the wood's integrity while imparting a delicate signature and enhancing fruit expression.

SIP SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE – VINEYARD & WINERY

- 100% Chardonnay, Clone 5,
Planted 1997
- Block 103, Estate Grown
- Harvested 10/13
- 23.6 average Brix
- Fermentation & 19 months sur-lie
aged in French oak barrels (45%
new) including Eric Millard's
'Atlantique' barriques

pH: 3.42

TA: 7.2g/l

Alc: 14.0%

ML: complete

Cases: 304 cases
(6x750ml)

Bright and precise, ALBA opens with vibrant aromas of Moroccan preserved lemon, layered with vanilla pod and Meyer lemon zest. The finish is clean and mineral, with vibrant acidity bringing tension and length without overpowering the fruit.

ALBA is a perfect tablemate with cold poached prawns and freshly opened oysters.

