

GRGICH HILLS



1996 CHARDONNAY *Napa Valley*

*H*ere is another stellar attraction from Grgich Hills Cellar! The 1996 grape harvest was a smaller one, yet it turned out to be an excellent vintage. In addition, the smaller grape clusters produced deeply flavorful grapes.

Our 1996 Chardonnay will no doubt catch your eye with its bright yellow-gold color and capture your attention with its spicy, fruity aroma. On the palate there are equally appealing flavors of ripe apples and toasty oak. You may also notice the unusually smooth texture of this wine which was derived from extra time on the lees.

The crisp acidity and clean finish will assure you that it is also a "food friendly" wine. It's drinkable now and certainly worthy of some additional bottle aging.

*Wine
Spectator*
July 31, 1998

A pure, crisp expression of Chardonnay, with a citrus edge. Fans out on the aftertaste, with hints of pear and toasty oak. Has a track record for improving with age, so stash a couple of bottles. Best from 1999 through 2002.

*The Food
& Beverage
Journal*
Aug.-Sept. 1998

Wine like this gives California a good name: ripe and intense, yet finely balance, this wine has intriguing lemon and persimmon fruit with crisp acidity. Try with seafood or pork.

★★★★★
94 points
*Beverage
Dynamics*
May 1999

Everything one can expect from Chardonnay; beautifully balanced fruit, butter, oak and acidity in a great-tasting wine.



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