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Carmel

Chardonnay Escolle Vineyard

The History

The origins of Joyce Winery trace back to when now owner and winemaker Russell Joyce's father stumbled upon the small rural town of Carmel Valley California in 1972. Russell's father was in search for a place where he could both practice his day job but also set up a race shop for his race cars he used to compete in his professional racing career. The close proximity of the infamous Laguna Seca raceway along with the rural feel of the area appealed to him being a small town farm boy from Wisconsin. After settling down and starting a family he was on to his next passionate endeavor - wine. In 1986 he planted the small 5 acres around the family home and Joyce Winery was born.

The Grape

100% Chardonnay

Tasting Note

The 2023 Escolle Chardonnay starts with lifted aromas of citrus oil, orange blossom, flinty notes and subtle tropical essences followed by a medium full bodied palate of golden apple, Bosc pear, lemon curd, verbena, pineapple, wet stones and clove spice. This vintage is full of racy acidity, but is beautifully textural and delicately creamy and lingers on and on.