



LO CA USDA Organic Chardonnay 2024



Background:

LO CA- feel-good, taste-good wines with more altitude, attitude, and fewer calories. A play on “low-calorie,” LO CA also means “crazy” in Spanish. Low-calorie, low-alcohol, low-sugar, vegan, gluten-free, USDA-Certified organic, Regenerative Organic Certified™, and Ecocert-approved – How crazy is that!

Soil:

Sandy loam.

Vineyards:

Thanks to the Uco Valley's dry climate and phylloxera-resistant sandy soils, farming organically at Domaine Bousquet, from day one, was not only possible, but expedient. Other factors that set this landscape apart include constant breezes from the Andes to the west, helping mitigate heat-stress in this desert-like climate. Significant day/night temperature differentials contribute enhanced aromatics, while sandy soils result in low fertility, desirable for vine stress and ideal for good drainage. With rainfall averaging a scant 8"/203 mm annually, groundwater from Andes snowmelt is vital for vineyard irrigation. Time has shown that the roots of organically grown vines penetrate deeper, enabling greater access to water in times of drought. Not least, organic farming is decidedly better for the long-term wellbeing of the local environment, as well the people who tend the vines.

Winemaking:

Grapes were harvested in the early summer, between late January and early February, about two months earlier than for standard bottlings. To guarantee optimum quality, different parcels were picked at different times. The grapes were then fermented with native yeast in stainless steel tanks for 12-17 days. Bottling followed shortly after to ensure peak freshness, preserve its varietal typicity and achieve a fruity and expressive character.

Technical Data:

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay.

Alcohol: 9.5%

Residual Sugar: 1.21

Acidity / PH: 7.72 / 3.21

Tasting Notes:

Pale yellow wine with green tones. On the nose it presents aromas of citrus and concentrated notes of green apple. Light-bodied with very refreshing acidity.

Pairing:

LO-CA pairs with enjoying life. LO-CA Chardonnay is ideal after a long day of work or play!

