

MICHAEL LAVELLE

2022 IRIS CHENIN BLANC



Composition:

Varietal:

Chenin Blanc

Alcohol:

12.6%

Residual Sugar

0.7 g/L

Appellation:

Clarksburg

Terroir

Michael Lavelle strives to provide experiences that are anything but ordinary. And that track record continues with our first entry into the white varietals. Shine light on our favorite aromatic grape, Chenin Blanc. Chenin Blanc has great history and prestige in France due to its versatility and drinkability. Can be made sweet, off dry, bone dry, sparkling and every style in between. Our 2022 Chenin Blanc is a beautiful representation of everything we love about this varietal. The aroma of fresh fruit at the farmers market, such as peaches and nectarines, alongside citron and bergamot. On the palate, this glides with notes of sliced granny smith apples and honeydew melon. Crisp acidity rounded out with a medium mouthfeel, this wine's to be enjoyed all year around.

Vintage Notes

Vintners across the state testify that the 2022 vintage is filled with high quality wines after a growing season filled with curveballs in 2021. Part of what makes Clarksburg a special appellation is the cooling trend that comes in from the San Francisco Bay every day at about 3:30 pm local time, which sweeps the heat out of the valley floor, allowing the grapes to maintain their natural acidity.

Tasting Notes by Devin Kennedy – Michael Lavelle Wines Sommelier

Appearance: Summer daffodil yellow in the glass, with a glossy hue and light legs that glide as you swirl.

Aroma: Complex aromatics with lush honeydew melon, lemon oil, and fresh nectarines for fruit alongside lemon verbena and bergamot notes.

Palate: Reveals ripe peaches, granny smith apples, and lemon zest. Crisp acidity with a medium mouthfeel, along with subtle notes of minerality and steeped sancha tea. The 2022 Iris Chenin Blanc is a bright, versatile, and extremely drinkable wine that is upping nicely on release and will offer added complexity in a few years. Try it with roasted salmon, braised scallops, or cornish hen. Summer salads and pasta with pesto are also great pairing ideas.

