

# 2022 Caldeira Barrel Select Reserve Chardonnay

## Coombsville, Napa Valley



### **The Wine:**

Made from all estate grown Chardonnay fruit from the Caldwell Vineyard in Coombsville, Napa this 59-case barrel selection Reserve was made by Marc Gagnon. The idea was to create a rich, opulent style of Chardonnay that maintains its integrity through the vibrant acids and pure varietal flavors offered by Coombsville Chardonnay. Full malolactic fermentation followed by ageing in 33% new French oak for 10 months.

### **The Estate:**

Caldeira is the French term for a crater formed by the eruption and subsequent collapse of the mouth of a volcano. The Coombsville AVA in Napa Valley owes much of its unique terroir to this geologic event. Caldeira wines represent the partnership between Caldwell vineyards and Quigley Fine Wines to showcase small production wines from the unique terroir of Coombsville. Caldwell Vineyard, the source of the fruit for these wines, is planted with specific clones that thrive in this area of Napa Valley. John Caldwell, the owner of Caldwell Vineyards is famous in the Napa Valley wine world, known as “The Smuggler” because of his legendary efforts to bring back rare and sought-after clones from Bordeaux to be planted in Napa. His winery and vineyards are truly iconic pieces of Napa Valley history. The wines are made by Marc Gagnon.

### **Tasting Notes:**

**Color:** Deep golden hue

**Aromas:** Ripe citrus, Golden apples, toasted vanilla.

**Flavors and Texture:** Meyer lemon, pears, and subtle toasted oak with a creamy, rich and satiny mouthfeel

**Food Pairing:** Grilled White Sea Bass with garlic - herb butter

**-Drink Now Through 2028-**