



**CASTILLO
MONJARDIN**



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: The Del Villar-Olano family
Winemaker: Victor del Villar Tolosa
Total acreage under vine: 500
Estate founded: 1988
Winery production: 1,200,000 Bottles
Region: DO Navarra
Country: Spain

Chardonnay Unoaked, El Cerezo 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine is named for the cherry tree or "El Cerezo" which grows in the middle of the estate vineyard. Its limestone and clay soils, coupled with a microclimate that allows for a long, cool growing season, make this vineyard prized for producing some of the best Chardonnay in the Navarra, if not Spain itself. The grapes are cold-soaked on their skins for eight hours, so despite the fact that it sees no oak, the final wine shows richness and creaminess balanced by a lovely acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Youthful lemon-green in color, this wine shows fresh aromas of green apples, tropical fruit, white flowers, and a hint of almonds. The ripe flavors continue to unfold on the palate, with concentration, depth, and creamy minerality.

FOOD PAIRING

This wine is a perfect accompaniment for roast pork tenderloin, chicken saltimbocca, or crab-stuffed flounder.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

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| Vineyard name: | The El Cerezo vineyard |
| Vineyard size: | 43 acres |
| Soil composition: | Limestone and clay |
| Training method: | Cordon Royat |
| Elevation: | 2,046 feet |
| Vines/acre: | 889 |
| Yield/acre: | 1.3 tons |
| Exposure: | Southern |
| Year vineyard planted: | 1988 |
| Harvest time: | September |
| First vintage of this wine: | 1992 |
| Bottles produced of this wine: | 80,000 |

WINEMAKING & AGING

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| Varietal composition: | 100% Chardonnay |
| Fermentation container: | Stainless steel tanks |
| Length of alcoholic fermentation: | 15 days |
| Fermentation temperature: | 61 °F |
| Maceration technique: | Pumpovers |
| Length of maceration: | 8 days |
| Type of aging container: | Stainless steel tanks |
| Size of aging container: | 200 HL |
| Length of aging before bottling: | 2 months |
| Length of bottle aging: | 1 month |

