

# AARONAP CELLARS

## 2023 CHARDONNAY



### Wine Summary:

Close to the southern coast of Cape Cod, chardonnay grapes flourish in the breezes of our Bay State maritime climate. The waters of Long Island Sound moderate the cold New England winters and provide cooling breezes during the summers. Chardonnay's ability to convey the essence of its terroir is a testament to its versatility and responsiveness to its environment. Our Coastal Vineyard in South Dartmouth, MA offers a unique combination of climate, soil, and topography which, along with specific winemaking choices, creates a unique flavor profile that reflect the individuality and sense of place of this amazing vineyard site.

### Tasting Notes:

A full-bodied round wine loaded with Golden Delicious apple, papaya, dark pineapple, and nectarine aromas with hints of cardamom and lemongrass on the lingering round finish.

**Food Pairing Suggestions:** Alpine-style semi-soft cheeses and a fresh baguettes on a summer day. Carmalized onion dips. Excellent paired with New England seafood such as oysters, grilled bluefish, lemon-ginger marinated swordfish steaks, or a rich lobster macaroni and cheese.

### Technical Data:

*Varietal Composition:* 100% Chardonnay

*Appellation:* Massachusetts *Vineyard:* Coastal Vineyard, South Dartmouth, MA

*Aging Protocol:* 100% Stainless steel. Sur lie aged for 12 months with full malolactic fermentation.

*Alcohol by volume:* 12% *Residual sugar:* Dry *Production Volume:* 324 bottles

### Vintage and Production Notes

The Great Freeze in May 2023 resulted in significant damage to the Chardonnay buds that had just awakened from their winter nap. Fortunately, the secondary buds that had not yet opened were spared, but the 2023 harvest was greatly reduced resulting in about half of our usual bottling.

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