

2021 WEST Chardonnay



- 100% Chardonnay
- Harvested September 21, 2021
- Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Aged 4 month in neutral French oak barrels
- 25% malolactic fermentation
- Alc. 13.5

2021 WEST Chardonnay Alix shows classic aromas of green apple, citrus. The same flavors continue on the palate with notes of honey melon, pear and a hint of almond. It has a smooth mouthfeel and long, lingering finish. You can pair it with fish, seafood, chicken, duck and turkey as well as creamy vegetable dishes. It is delicious with cheeses like brie or just by itself. Alix is the name of the owners first grandchild, a little girl who was born days after the grapes were harvested.

The grapes come from gravel loam soils in our Creekside Estate in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County. In the south end of Dry Creek Valley, the morning fog provides a cool climate for white grapes in contrast with the warmer northern end of the valley.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind since 1998. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We practice sustainable farming, minimizing the use of energy and water, and using solar power. Between our wine rows we plant cover crops to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control. Katarina is the winemaker at West Wines and got her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis while working with our first winemakers and has since put her own style to the portfolio of wines at West Wines.