



Reviews for Hawk Hill Chardonnay

2003 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 90 points

Full yellow-gold. Superrich, ripe aroma of yellow plum. Large-scaled and rich, with an exotic character to the flavors of mirabelle and truffle. Finishes with a strong candied plum character. I'd recommend drinking this in-your-face chardonnay in the next year or two.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 06

2004 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 90-92 points

Reminiscent of a Chablis on steroids, the elegant, crisp, steely 2004 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard reveals high acidity as well as loads of citrus and a striking minerality. It should drink well for 3-4 years.

The Wine Advocate, January 2006

2003 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 87 points

It's hard to describe this as Chablisian, given the 15-percent-plus alcohol, but that word captures its minerality. There's a flintiness underlying the oak, citrus and peach flavors of this bone-dry wine. Similar to grand cru Chablis-it's tough in its youth. Hard to tell where it's going.

Wine Enthusiast, March 2006 Buying Guide

2003 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay -90 points

Williams-Selyem remains an underrated source for high quality Chardonnay. For example, their 2003 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard, with aromas and favors of orange blossoms, lemon oil, and crushed rocks, comes across like a premier cru Chablis. *The Wine Advocate*, January 2006

2003 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 88-90 points

The 2003 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard exhibits a light green-tinged straw color as well as crisp mineral, lemon blossom, grapefruit, and stone notes. While very good, it has nowhere near the concentration and expansiveness of the 2002.

The Wine Advocate, March 2005.

2002 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 92 points

Full, slightly hazy yellow. Wild, dusty aromas of grapefruit and citrus blossom. Large-scaled, lush and fat, with grapefruit and spice flavors framed and intensified by bracing acidity. Finishes sweet and very long, with enticing notes of lemon drop, citrus rind and minerals. This should enjoy a slow and positive evolution in bottle.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June 2005.

2002 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 90 points

Aromatically complex, with ripe pear, fig, spice, citrus and honeydew flavors that are broad and mouthfilling. Shows off a nice touch of hazelnut-scented oak, too, with a rich concentrated aftertaste. Drink now through 2007. 243 cases made.

Wine Spectator, 100-Point Wines, April 30, 2005.

2002 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 91 points

Citrus oil, honeyed grapefruit, orange and lemon blossoms emerge from the Chablis-like 2002 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard. Full-bodied with a nice texture, this cool climate Chardonnay should drink well for 5-7 years.

The Wine Advocate, March 2005.

I adore the Chardonnays made at Williams Selyem, and, as I indicated in issue #150, the 2002s are superb efforts.

The Wine Advocate, March 2005.

2002 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 91-93 points

Readers looking for a grand cru Chablis (but with more size) should check out the 2002 Hawk Hill Chardonnay. Notes of apples, quince, spice, and crushed rocks as well as crisp acidity and a steely constitution characterize this full-bodied, powerful yet backward Chardonnay. A distinctive, impressive offering revealing abundant amounts of candied citrus characteristics, it should hit its prime in two years, and last for a decade.

The Wine Advocate December 23, 2003.

2001 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 94 points

Lemon-yellow color, less green than the Allen. Wild aromas of tangerine, truffle, earth, minerals, herbs, game and citrus blossom. Sweet, gamey and exotic, with terrific depth of fruit. Finishes with superb sweetness and length but also a mouthwatering lemon drop flavor. Offers an uncanny combination of sweetness and fresh acidity. Cabral suggests pairing it with Ahi tuna.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June 2004

2001 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 90 points

Well-oaked, rich and concentrated, with a creamy dill accent adding dimension to the ripe fig, apricot, vanilla and honey notes, finishing with a long, complex aftertaste. Drink now through 2007.

Wine Spectator, March 31, 2004.

2001 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 95 points

Stunning, a hugely aromatic wine bursting with lemondrop, lemon meringue pie and smoky oak aromas. It detonates in the mouth with sweet lemon custard, vanilla and pear flavors that are enormously rich, accompanied by bright acids that penetrate the nerve endings. Lasts for a long time on the finish. Editors' Choice.

Wine Enthusiast, February 2004.

2001 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 92 points

A greenish hue is noticeable in the light straw color. Sumptuous aromas of marmalade, lemon zest, white peaches, and hints of pineapples as well as crushed stones are followed by a medium to full-bodied, Chablis-styled white with beautifully integrated oak and a tremendously long, well-delineated finish.

The Wine Advocate December 23, 2003.

2000 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 92 points

The "modestly" alcoholic 1999 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard exhibits copious quantities of lemon grass and mineral characteristics, but in this example, the high acidity interferes somewhat with the wine's enormous density and richness. It is hard to know where this is going.

The Wine Advocate, August 31, 2002

2000 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 90 points

A rich, full-bodied, wonderfully crafted wine, with complex creamy pear, light toasty oak, fig, melon and hazelnut flavors that turn elegant and polished on the finish. Drink now through 2006.

Wine Spectator, June 30, 2002

2000 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 93 points

Intriguing aromas of mirabelle, peach, white flowers and spices along with a suggestion of dried fruits. Large-scaled, opulent and silky, with a firm acid spine framing the compelling fruit. Even sweeter than the Allen bottling, but with a firm mineral underpinning. Builds slowly and lingers impressively on the spicy back end. A superb showing today.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June 2002

1999 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay – 89(+?) points

Perfumed, pure aromas of fresh pineapple and lemon meringue. Dense, concentrated and fairly large-scaled, with citrus flavors and firm acids giving the wine noteworthy freshness. Finishes long and bracing, with notes of lemon peel and pineapple. Intriguing wine.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June 2001