



John's Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

Vineyard Description Located just east of the city of Napa in an area known as Coombsville, John's Creek Vineyard is comprised of deep, volcanic, gravelly loam soil with a western exposure. Fog hangs over the vineyard until midmorning, while cooler temperatures prevail throughout the summer. Nickel & Nickel produces wine from just two of the vineyard's 25 acres.

Appellation Napa Valley

Year Planted 1996

Varietal Chardonnay

Acreage 2 acres

Clone & Rootstock Robert Young clone on 3309C rootstock

Trellising Vertical shoot positioning (VSP)

Geology The cup-and-saucer-shaped area where this vineyard exists is believed to be the remnant of a volcano that collapsed inward, forming a circular depression and the horseshoe-shaped ridge that surrounds the area. The soils in this vineyard contain volcanic rock and ash, which, when exposed to high pressure underground, form a heavy clay material.

Tasting Notes Flavors of melon, pear and apple show bright and crisp on the palate, with notes of mineral and fig in the background. Vanilla and spice from the oak are present on the middle palate, contributing a velvety mouthfeel and richness while gaining length on the finish. The crisp acidity, volume and intensity of the fruit are what make this a standout wine.