

Julia James

Chardonnay

100% Chardonnay

Julia James is a tribute to the future. Named for the fifth generation of the Opici family, this wine is bursting with orchard fruits and a hint of oak. The perfect pour to celebrate family, love, and tradition. With grapes sourced from some of Northern California's most prestigious regions, Julia James has a modern look and offers real value that consumer's love.

Tasting Notes:

Ripe lemon in color, this Chardonnay has golden highlights in the glass. Offers a mix of fresh pear, apple, melon and citrus on the nose. There is a bright, juicy, almost racy personality to go with exotic flavors of tropical fruits, vanilla, nectarine, and a kiss of oak. Continuing to open up nicely in the glass, it has a creamy mid-palate and a round, buttery finish which lingers on the palate. Julia James Chardonnay should be enjoyed on all occasions, especially with salads, roasted chicken, and lightly sauced pasta dishes.

Vineyards:

Region:	Carneros, Monterey, and San Joaquin Valley: California, USA
Vineyard Name:	Julia James
Year Planted:	2005
Training Method:	Simple Guyot
Planting Density:	5,000 vines/hectare
Soil Composition:	Loamy earth, shale, sand, and silt
Elevation:	500 - 600 meters
Exposure:	South/Southeastern
Practices:	No use of harmful chemicals or pesticides.

Winemaking:

Harvest:	Gently machine harvested throughout September during the cooler night and morning hours.
Fermentation:	After a gentle pressing, the must is fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with natural Burgundian yeasts. 10% of the wine is then racked to rest in large French oak barrels, while the remaining portion undergoes malolactic fermentation, adding texture and finesse to the style. After a brief rest on the lees, blending and bottling occurs before the product is shipped for maximum freshness.

Technical Data:

Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.62
Acidity:	5.6 grams/liter
Residual Sugar:	4.87 grams/liter

Production Quantity: 4,000 cases



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