

# WITNESS PROTECTION 2021 CHARDONNAY

**Varietal:**

Chardonnay

**Appellation:**

California

**Vineyard:**

Bien Nacido, Spanish Springs

**Production:**

297 cases made

**Oak:**

65% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

18 months

**Alcohol:**

14.4%

**Cellar potential:**

5+ years

**Release date:**

September 16, 2023

## ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.



## TASTING NOTES

This is the Wednesday night book club that turns out to be a front for a sports gambling ring. Up front, refined lemon-meringue formalities and Anjou pear prose, but behind closed doors, reserved suburbanites slamming sidecars and placing bets that would give their accountants conniptions. Take the over on spiced pineapple, call stone fruit to cover the spread, and throw a parlay on vanilla, nutmeg, and that buzzing streak of minerality. Then gather your things, collect your winnings, and tell them you can't wait for chapter two.

## NOTES

For as long as I've been making massive, blow-the-doors-off wines, I've kept a secret: I love white Burgundy. The laser-focused acidity, the streak of minerality, all the gentle fruit nuance. Give me a lineup of Grand Crus and I'll go to town. So I decided to make my own rendition. Don't worry, I'm not reinventing myself à la that one pop star. Consider this my incognito tropical-fruit foray. My hush-hush herb-and-spice elegance. My covert mineral complexity. So drink up, just don't blow my cover.

## SERVING

Temperature: 60° F

Pop & Pour!

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