

# T O B I A S

## *Vineyards*



### 2023 TOBIAS Vineyards Blue Oaks Chardonnay

#### Vintage Notes

Produced from our estate Blue Oaks Vineyard in the Potter Valley AVA of Mendocino, this site is ideal for Chardonnay. The 2023 growing season was warm and dry, with a cool spring that delayed budbreak slightly. Steady early-summer temperatures and strong diurnal shifts preserved acidity and promoted phenolic development. Yields were modest due to lighter clusters, but fruit quality was exceptional, concentrated, balanced, and vibrant. Harvested in early September ahead of a late heat wave, the fruit showed excellent ripeness and structural clarity.

Winemaker Toby Forman, following in the footsteps of his father Ric Forman, continues to refine the wine's style through meticulous farming and site-driven expression.

#### Winemaker Notes

Harvested from low-yielding vines, the influence a long, cool growing season, results in a complex wine balancing a natural acidity. Fermented in French oak barrels, with 50% undergoing malolactic fermentation, to further balance richness with freshness.

Aromatically, the wine opens with layered notes of lemon curd, honeysuckle, and abundant yellow wildflowers, framed by subtle vanilla from well-integrated oak. On the palate, it is textured and expressive, showing flavors of apple, bosc pear, and a hint of baked meringue. The mouthfeel is rich yet lifted, supported by firm acidity and a gentle creaminess through the finish. This vintage is food-friendly, and approachable from the first to last sip.

<b>Winemaker :</b>	Toby Forman
<b>Varietal :</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Production :</b>	2000 cases
<b>Appellations :</b>	Mendocino, Pauli Vineyards
<b>Barrel Aging :</b>	1 year, 6 months in 40% new French Oak, 6 months 10% French Oak
<b>Alcohol :</b>	13.9%
<b>Retail Price :</b>	\$45

