
LIOCO

Chardonnay Stuhlmuller
2006

A no-brainer from Chardonnay-specialist LIOCO, who is blazing a new trail with their lineup of naturally-fermented, unfiltered Chardonnays made in 100% stainless steel (no oak). This wine, from a designated block of old vines in the southern-most vineyard in the Alexander Valley, draws on the best characteristics of both Chalk Hill and Russian River Valley (which it borders by a stone's toss). Aromas of lemon pith, candied ginger, and chalk are met with more preserved lemons, Asian pears, and minerals galore on the palate. Break out the smoked salmon, or grilled chicken with herbs/garlic.