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White wines for the winter season



Though temperatures aren't necessarily freezing on the Big Island this time of year, they are cooler than average, making this the perfect time to sip an unctuous white wine with luscious texture and beautiful character.

Chardonnay is a go-to white wine to warm you from inside, as the malleable variety absorbs vineyard characteristics, while delivering a medium to full-bodied wine. When grown in warmer climates, like various parts of California, the wines offer tropical fruit flavors, mimicking our island favorites, like pineapple, mango, and guava, ideal for this time of year.

Utilizing 100% new and used French oak barrel fermentation, En Route "Brumaire" Russian River Chardonnay (\$40), has distinct character with sublime style with creamy lemon custard, peach, and honey. With an Old-World style, blending with New-World California character, Alpha Omega Napa Valley Chardonnay (\$82) layers candied citrus with apricot and baked peaches.

The majestic Carneros vineyards of Donum Estate, dotted with pristine works of art among the rolling hills of vines, reveals the dedication the winery has to an ever-evolving living system, expressing beauty through a singular sense of place. This vision shines through their wines, with the Carneros Estate Chardonnay (\$75) showing spicy ginger and toasted spice.