

The 2023 Jack’s Hill Chardonnay by I. Brand & Family is a standout wine from Monterey County, California.

**Grape Variety**: 100% Chardonnay

**Vineyards**: The grapes are sourced from vineyards at the base of Jack’s Hill, known for its distinct iron oxide granite soils.

**Winemaking**: The wine is aged in a combination of neutral oak (2% new French) and stainless-steel tanks.

**Tasting Notes**: Bright, crisp, and clean with orchard fruit flavors and intense minerality.

[**Farming Practices**: The vineyards are managed with sustainable and organic practices1](https://www.timelesswines.com/i-brand-paysan-chardonnay-jacks-hill-2023/).

They did not set out to make these wines. They discovered great vineyards at the edge of sensible farming and decided to bring them to light.

The farther they looked, the more they found – remote, challenging vineyards, with hard depleted soils, and intense sunlight tempered only by the coastal breeze. Vineyards capable of producing only the most idiosyncratic wines. Their goal as winemakers is to lightly polish the roughest edges and leave the idiosyncrasy intact. It is here in the back country, filled with individual character, where Le P’tit Paysan comes to life.

Ian Brand's first winery job was in the lab and cellar at Bonny Doon Winery in Santa Cruz. Ian was Vineyard Manager and Assistant Winemaker at Big Basin Vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains for four years before he and Heather began their own project.

In the growing sites I Brand Family Winery looks for shallow, rocky soils, good site selection and proper varietal match with the soil and climate. The often overlooked greater Monterey Bay Area has a plethora of underappreciated, rocky vineyards.

Vineyard names:
Fellom Ranch, Bates Ranch, Besson, Summers, Wheeler, Brigantino, Bayly Ranch, Enz, Brosseau, Spur Ranch, Kristy, Quail Run, La Belle Rose, Cedar Lane, Mission Ranch, Escolle, Arroyo Seco Canyon, Los Ositos.