

CRAFTWORK

Estate Grown Chardonnay

Monterey, California 2014

Wine Highlights:

- The cool coastal climate of Monterey is Chardonnay heaven
- 100% Estate Grown, Produced & Bottled
- Ideal balance a rich, creamy palate with firm acidity

Tasting Notes: Aromas of pineapple and pear are followed by a lively blend of tropical fruit and citrus flavors. Striking the perfect balance of a rich, creamy palate with firm acidity, it is a versatile wine that pairs particularly well with grilled seafood, roast chicken, pasta in cream sauce, and shrimp scampi.

Winemaking: The grapes were whole cluster pressed, chilled and racked clean to a refrigerated stainless steel tank. The juice was slowly fermented at a cool temperature to enhance the varietal aromatics. Our Chardonnay philosophy is to strive for a rich texture and fuller mid-palate that still highlights the fruit and is balanced by a firm acidity. This is achieved through the judicious use of French oak that complements the gorgeous tropical fruit flavors that are the hallmark of the best Monterey Chardonnays. The result is a complex wine that allows the natural flavor of the grape to shine.

Vintage: Not to be outdone by the 2013 growing season, the 2014 vintage was another stunner. Spring came early and lasted long. In the summer, cool nights led into overcast mornings that were followed by breezy, warm afternoons. These temperate conditions and ideal temperatures made the 2014 growing season an excellent one for even ripening and good flavor development.

Vineyards: Our cool climate estate vineyards, located just outside of the town of Greenfield, are blessed with a climate that is perfect for growing top quality Chardonnay. With morning fogs that often linger until mid-day, the intricate fruit flavors have time to develop while preserving crucial acidity. These just-right conditions place Monterey on par with the best growing regions of the world, which is why we take great pride in producing our Craftwork Chardonnay. A combination of right location and traditional winemaking allows us to craft a graceful and expressive wine that delivers classic Chardonnay flavors, complexity, and a creamy texture.

