



# ESSER WINES

## 2012 CHARDONNAY

MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, USA

### WINEMAKING

A vintage growing season that was almost textbook perfect with good spring rains, an excellent set and even temperatures, without any significant heat spikes. The fruit was produced from north Monterey County's Riverview Vineyards, which benefits from hot days that are tempered in the evening by cool breezes from Monterey Bay, and the warmer Viento Vineyards to the south. This terroir is ideal for the Chardonnay, which thrives well in both sites and produces crisp and vibrant fruit. The grapes were picked in the early morning hours, transported to the nearby crush pad and whole cluster-pressed to preserve freshness. There was minimal skin contact and no malolactic fermentation.

### COLOR

Pale to golden straw.

### AROMA

Hints of tropical fruit aromas and accents of citrus and lemon blossom.

### PALATE

Rich and round on the palate and complemented by ample acidity. Notes of lemon curd, pineapple and vanilla are followed by a pleasantly crisp finish.

Blend: 100% Chardonnay  
Appellation: Monterey County  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Residual Sugar: 6.4 g/L  
Acidity: 7.8 g/L  
pH: 3.45

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