



# ESSER WINES

## 2014 CHARDONNAY

MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, USA

### WINEMAKING

The lack of winter and spring rains in the Central Coast region coupled with a lack of water in reservoirs brought new challenges to the vineyard managers and their crews. Bud break and set followed with average summer temperatures and any prolonged heat spikes. The fruit came from sustainably farmed vineyards in northern Monterey County's Riverview and Arroyo Seco vineyards that benefit from hot days that are tempered by the cool afternoon breezes from the Pacific Ocean. The two vineyard sites are well known to produce crisp and vibrant fruit ideally suited for Chardonnay. The fruit arrived at the crush pad after early morning picking and immediately whole cluster pressed. There was minimal skin contact and after fermentation 25% of the wine was transferred into French oak barrels for secondary malolactic fermentation. Final blends of the different suitable lots take place in early summer following the harvest.

### COLOR

Pale to golden straw.

### AROMA

Hints of tropical fruit, vanilla beans and accents of citrus fruit and lemon blossom.

### PALATE

Rich and round on the palate, complemented with bright acidity. Notes of pineapple, lemon curd, citrus and vanilla are followed by a well balanced crisp finish with good length.

Blend: 100% Chardonnay  
Appellation: Monterey County  
Alcohol: 13%  
Residual Sugar: 7.5 g/L  
Acidity: 5.7 meq/L  
pH: 3.39

**2012 WINEENTHUSIAST 91 Point, Best Buy**  
**93 Point Double Gold International / National Medal & Best Buy**

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