



ESSER WINES

2015 CHARDONNAY

MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, USA

WINEMAKING

The harvest was earlier and lighter than in prior years, yet the quality was not suffering. The unusual weather patterns and effects of the drought caused some stress on the vines, which lead to conservation in flavors, resulting in rich, complex and balanced wine. 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

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