

2013

House Creek
Chardonnay



Our single vineyard wines are produced exclusively from grapes grown on our estate vineyard at the base of Mount St. Helena in the pristine Knights Valley appellation, where Sonoma and Napa counties meet. We strive to make hand crafted wines that are true to the terroir with great ageability. We hand pick and hand sort the fruit in the vineyard, and we press each varietal and clone separately. During blend trials, we taste each barrel individually and in multiple combinations together before we select only the best barrels to be included in our final blends. As a result, no two vintages, no two wines are the same.

appellation

Knights Valley

harvest date

September 14

soil

Alluvium: gravel, sand, clay

production

307 Cases

blend

80% Old Wente
20% Dijon

oak

French Oak, 20% new
Aged: 11 months

vineyard notes

Our estate vineyard sits at 510 feet above sea level. Our vineyard soil is deep, well draining alluvium, consisting of gravel, sand and clay. Because of the excellent drainage, the roots must grow deep to seek water, so our crop yields are lower and berries are smaller with greater flavor concentration. The alluvial soil also provides the mineral component that gives our wines added complexity. Our beautiful, gnarled +30-year-old Old Wente vines produce a minimal number of clusters per vine. This translates into great minerality in our finished Chardonnay.

tasting notes

Wildly aromatic with expressions of melon, honeysuckle, lychee and spring flowers. Rich and purely decadent on the palate showing notes of pear, citrus oils and crème brûlée. Loaded with complexity and sophistication.

vintage notes

Back-to-back perfection! Like 2012, 2013 growing conditions were ideal and delivered yet another excellent vintage. The growing season started early and continued evenly. Consistently warm days and cool nights allowed for optimal ripening at a steady pace with full development of rich, complex flavors. Outstanding!

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