

2014

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 6

soil

Alluvium: gravel, sand, clay

production

268 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

Full-bodied and opulent, revealing intriguing notes of citrus blossom, crème brûlée, honeysuckle and acacia flower. This elegantly crafted, classic Chardonnay is enjoyable now and will continue to age beautifully for years to come.

vintage notes

In the midst of California's ongoing drought, perfectly timed spring rains fell just before bud break giving our vines a big drink of water at exactly the right time and creating ideal conditions for dry farming. Throughout the growing season's warm days, cool nights and dry weather, the vines produced smaller berries with highly concentrated flavors. The berries ripened fully, gradually and evenly resulting in a vintage of exceptional quality and balance.

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