



LUCKY STAR



★ WINES of CALIFORNIA ★

2014 CALIFORNIA Chardonnay WINE NOTES

Technical Information:

0.58 TA, 3.50 pH, 13.5% alc by vol

Varietal Blend:

98% Chardonnay,
2% Muscat of Alexandria



It's your lucky day. You've selected a crisp and refreshing Chardonnay ... may your lucky streak continue! May your trampoline stay put during a turbulent wind storm. May you be relocated to a town 10 short miles away from your best friend. May you find a penny...it's from 1862 and worth big bucks. Most importantly, may the wines of Lucky Star bring good luck to you and all who enjoy a glass. Cheers!

VINTAGE

The 2014 California harvest was one of the earliest in a decade and third in a string of great vintages. Yields were down slightly across the state versus the mammoth harvest of 2013. A mild winter and spring led to early bud break and the state was blessed with very few frost days. Summer was moderate allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. A hallmark of the vintage is the small berry size which led to outstanding concentration. Chardonnay shows bright aromatics, juicy fruit flavors and excellent acidic structure.

WINEMAKING

We looked to several regions in California to source our grapes including Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley and Arroyo Seco in Monterey. Each area lends unique flavor components and structure to the final blend. Grapes were harvested during the cooler night and morning hours to preserve the fruit's delicate flavors. After a gentle pressing, the must is fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with Burgundian yeasts. A small portion of the blend underwent malolactic fermentation adding a creamy note and softening the mouthfeel. For this vintage, we added a touch of Muscat to lift the wine's floral notes.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A lovely balance of fruit and richness, Lucky Star Chardonnay is full of Gravenstein apple, stone fruit and Anjou pear flavors balanced by citrus notes and a smooth, creamy finish. After a long hard day, reward yourself with a glass or serve with grilled shrimp, pasta with cream sauce or smoked chicken salad with apples and walnuts.

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