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*Chardonnay*

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2012

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine has wonderful aromas. It starts with hints of honey and crème brûlée, then follows with hints of pear and ripe tropical fruits. The aromas are intertwined with a nice thread of light vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is rich and full-bodied. The texture of the wine is very rich while still maintaining a nice balance across the palate. The flavors are ripe and tropical. The wine expresses mango, fig and pear flavors. The finish is long and lingering. Drink Now through 2018.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

#### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

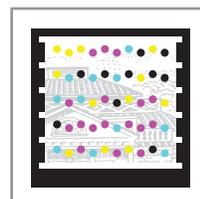
##### 100% Chardonnay

**Home Ranch Vineyard** *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

As the 2012 season developed, we could see that it was going to be a special year. We were particularly excited about the extra hang time with our Chardonnay. The extra time on the vine allowed for the development of some fantastic flavors and aromas to develop. We had a higher yield than normal in 2012, but this worked to our advantage. Because of the larger crop, the sugars accumulated more slowly, so we had the wonderful combination of fully ripe fruit with lower than normal brix. We selected a section of Clone 95 in Block 6 on the Home Ranch Vineyard from which to craft our Reserve Chardonnay. The fruit was wonderful. The subsequent 100% Barrel Fermentation and 100% Malolactic Fermentation brought out all of the greatness of the vintage in this wine. It is truly sunshine to wine.

*Oak - 20 Months in French Oak, 75% New*

*Alcohol - 14.1%*



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