



## MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

# Chardonnay

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

### VINTAGE 2012

#### TASTING NOTES

I find expressive aromas of apple, pear, fig, hints of butterscotch and vanilla. On the palate the wine is very rich and displays a nice full texture on the palate. The wine is creamy and full bodied but maintains a steady beam of brightness through the middle, which keeps it focused and alive.

This wine will benefit from being served slightly chilled, and will age gracefully for 3-4 years.

Drink Now through 2017.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

#### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

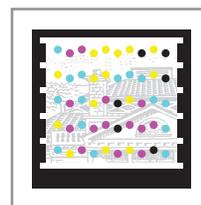
**Home Ranch Vineyard** *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*  
*Block 6, Mixed Dijon Clones (Clones 76, 95, 96)*  
*Block 4, Clone 96 & Heirloom Clone*  
*Pleasanton and Yolo Series Loam Soils*

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, but this worked to our advantage in 2012. 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. Over the last few vintages, I have enjoyed the balance that we strike in our Chardonnay by utilizing both stainless steel and oak barrel fermentations, and employing partial malolactic fermentations. This provides us with a wider array of expressions from the grapes.

*Oak - 12+ Months in French Oak*  
*Alcohol - 14.1%*

#### FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Crab Gratin with Arugula tossed in Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette



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