



2013 FAMILY COLLECTION CHARDONNAY RUTHERFORD

Tech Info

Suggested Retail: \$65
Number of Cases: 479
Alcohol: 15.2%

Winemaking

These grapes were hand-harvested from their Rutherford vines, and whole cluster pressed before barrel aging in 100% new Russian oak for 18 months. The wine is sur lie aged, and goes through 100% malolactic fermentation prior to bottling, giving the wine its beautiful creamy palate and viscosity.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 Family Collection Chardonnay begins with aromatics of vanilla, toast, honeycomb, dulce de leche and cinnamon. The wine, as always, is viscous and mouth filling, the bright, luscious fore palate opens up with tropical notes of lychee and grilled pineapple before the beautiful oak notes of butterscotch, caramel, and vanilla round out this wine's lengthy finish.

Vintage Notes

The 2013 vintage was another rock star year following an amazing 2012. There was a long, dry, and even growing season which is the perfect condition for winegrowing. This year allowed us to pick at the peak of ripeness which allow the wines to exhibit their most pure varietal characteristics.

