

## CHARDONNAY 2013 | VINTAGE

This Chardonnay brings together the best of three notable coastal California wine regions that have proven to be ideal for growing Burgundian varieties. Each area has dramatically different climates, topography and soil types, producing Chardonnay with its own distinctive characteristics. For our maiden vintage, we chose the following blend of components to create the perfect balance between spice and fruit; weight and restraint; crispness and creaminess.

49%

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Exotic sweet spice  
and lively tropical fruit

30%

SONOMA COUNTY

Crisp apple  
and lean minerality

21%

MONTEREY COUNTY

Ripe stone fruit  
and a round,  
creamy texture

The 2013 growing season was exceptional along the entire California coastline, with a dry, warm spring, prompting early bud-break, followed by a textbook summer, free of any heat spikes. The long warm days and cool nights gave us rich, ripe fruit, balanced with some nice bright acidity. Each lot was kept separate in the winery so we could tailor the winemaking techniques to enhance the unique regional nuances. Upon unifying them together, we were able to create a well-balanced Chardonnay that possesses the signature Meiomi style – rich and ripe, with depth and complexity. Fermentation took place in a combination of French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks, retaining some of the vibrant fruit to contrast beautifully against the rich, textural oak characteristics. All blend components underwent 100% malolactic fermentation to add further depth and roundness.

### TASTING NOTES:

Light straw-gold in color, the bright, enticing layers of citrus fruit, pineapple, subtle minerality and candied Asian pear aromas awaken the senses, hinting at the intense fruit flavors to come. Exotic, warm spice notes enhance the complex palate of succulent tropical fruit, apple cream pie, peach, hazelnut and vanilla crème brûlée. The lush, creamy mouth-feel is nicely juxtaposed by a clean, vibrant acidity that carries through from beginning to end.

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-Joseph Wagner, Owner & Winemaker

