

# 2015 WILD YEAST CHARDONNAY

## WINEMAKER'S SELECT SERIES



*Bursting with citrus, pear, lemon,  
green apple and our signature  
Kestrel minerality*

**VINIFICATION:** One hundred percent of our Winemaker Select Chardonnay comes from our Kestrel View Estate Vineyard, which is unique in that it's one of the few Wente clone Chardonnay vineyards in the state. The Wente clone is known for being “shy bearing,” meaning it produces modest quantities of high quality fruit. This clone also produces a different flavor and aroma profile hinting of minerals, nutmeg and clove, with a slight Muscat note.

The fruit was handpicked and gently whole cluster pressed. Upon settling for two days, the clear juice was racked directly to oak barrels where it was allowed to ferment with its own wild yeasts, which were naturally present on the grapes or in the environment. The wild fermentation took longer to get going and the results were well worth the wait! The wine was aged on the yeast sediment for ten months, where it underwent the process of Sur Lie, stirred bi-weekly, to increase the mouth feel and body of the wine. It was filtered before bottling.

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** The 2015 Winemaker Select Chardonnay is a powerful and unique wine. We love to showcase our Estate Vineyard and allowing the wine to ferment naturally gives a great sense of the terroir from Kestrel View Estate Vineyard. The wine boasts a rich mineral element and is medium bodied with oak that is present but not overpowering. The barrels we used did not go through malolactic fermentation, giving a leaner, crisper finish. This wine is bursting with citrus, pear, lemon, green apple and the characteristic Kestrel minerality. This is an exceptional Chardonnay made in the tradition of the old world. The combination of wild fermentation, Wente clone and careful nurturing created a complex multi-layered wine we can't wait to share!

### AGING PROFILE

10 months in Oak

### VINEYARD

100% Kestrel View  
Estate Vineyards

### BLEND

100% Wente Clone  
Chardonnay

### TECHNICAL

Alc. 14.5%

### CASES

300

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