

2015

House Creek
Chardonnay

Our single vineyard wines are produced exclusively from grapes grown on our estate vineyard at the base of Mount St. Helena in the pristine Knights Valley appellation, where Sonoma and Napa counties meet. We strive to make hand crafted wines that are true to the terroir with great ageability. We hand pick and hand sort the fruit in the vineyard, and we press each varietal and clone separately. During blend trials, we taste each barrel individually and in multiple combinations together before we select only the best barrels to be included in our final blends. As a result, no two vintages, no two wines are the same.



appellation

Knights Valley

harvest date

August 24

soil

Alluvium: gravel, sand, clay

production

144 Cases

blend

100% Old Wente

oak

French Oak, 20% new
Aged: 11 months

vineyard notes

Our estate vineyard sits at 510 feet above sea level. Our vineyard soil is deep, well draining alluvium, consisting of gravel, sand and clay. Because of the excellent drainage, the roots must grow deep to seek water, so our crop yields are lower and berries are smaller with greater flavor concentration. The alluvial soil also provides the mineral component that gives our wines added complexity. Our beautiful, gnarled +30-year-old Old Wente vines produce a minimal number of clusters per vine. This translates into great minerality in our finished Chardonnay.

tasting notes

Apple candy, lemon drop, lemon curd, roasted pear and enticing aromas of baked apple tarte tatin, white flowers, citrus blossom, honeysuckle, jasmine and gardenias. A hint of minerality with slight toasty oak notes and baking spices. The wine finishes long with ripe late summer fruit and crisp bright acidity to balance the lush, round, mouth filling texture.

vintage notes

The warm, dry winter in addition to cool, damp conditions during bloom resulted in a light and early harvest of exceptional quality. Smaller, more concentrated grape clusters ripened steadily and developed beautifully intense flavors during the warm summer days that followed. The 2015 vintage will be remembered for extraordinary quality and small crop size.

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