



2014 Stonestreet Estate Chardonnay

Price: \$64.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

Varietal: Chardonnay

Brand: Stonestreet Estate

LCBO Product #: 384486

LCBO:

Region: Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, USA

Category: Regular Consignment

Bottles Per Case: 6

Bottle Size: 750ml

Availability

Availability in consignment

Background

Stonestreet Winery produces Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. The winery uses natural yeasts for fermentation and eschews filtering. Winemaker Graham Weerts previously worked for Bellingham Winery in Cape Town, South Africa.

In the autumn of 1989, Jess Jackson acquired the Zellerbach winery and renamed it in honor of his late father, Jess Stonestreet Jackson. Stonestreet quickly garnered international acclaim for their powerful reds and luscious whites. Today, Stonestreet wines are undergoing a transformation, using fruit from Alexander Mountain Estate and new winemaking techniques. Alexander Mountain Estate, with lean, well-draining soils and cooler temperature, produces fruit with smaller berries and more intense color and flavor. Stonestreet is dedicated to fulfilling the promise of Alexander Valley's exceptional and distinctive vineyards. Traditional, Old World methods of hand harvesting, small barrel lot production, native yeast fermentation and bottling each wine unfiltered brings out the best in specific grape varieties and provides the quality framework for each Stonestreet wine.

Tasting Notes

In 2014, the Estate exhibits buoyant fruit—Bartlett pear, peach and golden delicious apple—with honeysuckle, sweet baking spices and an oceanic note shading the background. The palate mirrors that exuberant tree fruit within a rich, generous texture and walks a tightrope into balancing citrus pith, and a thrilling stony note— a sly wink to the volcanic activity from 35 million years before. Decant for further aromatic and textural enjoyment. 92 points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, October 2016. 90 points, Antonio Galloni, vinousmedia.com, February 2016

