



## Stonestreet Upper Barn Chardonnay 2015

**Price:** \$179.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

**Varietal:** Chardonnay

**Brand:** Stonestreet

**LCBO Product #:** 588680

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**Region:** Alexander Valley, California, USA

**Category:** Regular Consignment

**Bottles Per Case:** 12

**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

The Upper Barn is our most transporting Chardonnay, and the 2015 vintage is no exception. Stargazer lily, Asian pear, lemon custard and an enticing spice note flood the nose, while the palate mirrors those qualities alongside a saline underpinning. The texture is both opulent and elegant, exhibiting the delicacy of fruit and a quartz-like transparency that only age and a superb site situated at 1,800 feet can bring to a wine. This wine is extremely well-integrated with a lingering, mouthwatering finish that begs another sip. Robert Parker 95 points.

