

TASTING NOTES



STONESTREET ESTATE CHARDONNAY, 2014

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.

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AS A BLEND OF OUR BEST CHARDONNAY VINEYARD SITES, THE ESTATE BOTTLING IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPELLING ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN. WINEMAKER LISA VALTENBERGS BLENDS THE WINE WITH SHREWD PRECISION, BALANCING AROMATIC INTRIGUE, TEXTURE AND THE MAYACAMAS' SIGNATURE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS INTO A PURE REFLECTION OF THE VINTAGE. 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.

REVIEWS

91 POINTS. JAMES LAUBE (WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE):

"PURE AND RICH, WELL-CENTERED ON A CORE OF HONEYDEW, APRICOT, PEAR AND FIG FLAVORS, SHOWING TOUCHES OF SPICY OAK, FRESH EARTH AND DRIED HERB. INVITING. "

92 POINTS. ROBERT M. PARKER JR. (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"THE 2014 STONESTREET ESTATE CHARDONNAY IS SUPERB, WITH PLENTY OF WHITE PEACH AND POACHED PEAR NOTES, BEAUTIFUL PURITY, A LUSTY, MEDIUM TO FULL-BODIED MOUTHFEEL, SUBTLE FRENCH OAK, AND TERRIFIC FRUIT AND HONEYSUCKLE. DRINK IT OVER THE NEXT 5-7 YEARS. "



VINTAGE: 2014

WINERY: STONESTREET ([HTTP://WWW.STONESTREETWINES.COM/](http://www.stonestreetwines.com/))

REGION: ALEXANDER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 6 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: -