

2015 HAIRE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

This Chardonnay is light yellow in color with aromas of white peach, marzipan, toasted almond, vanilla, crème brulee, and lemon cake. On the palate, the wine has flavors of candied lemon, custard, apricot, and coconut with a fresh, bright finish. The wine is weighty, yet balanced.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

These Chardonnay grapes come from the Haire Vineyard in Carneros, Napa Valley. The vineyard is planted to old Wente clone and Robert Young clone. The Wente clone produces small, flavorful clusters known as 'beebees and baseballs' with extra small berries mixed in between normal-sized berries. These smaller, seedless berries give extra flavor intensity to the finished wine. Fruit was harvested September 10, 2015, at 24.0 brix.

THE 2015 VINTAGE

Harvest 2015 was one of our earliest years on record. The persistent California drought and a cool spring during bloom led to low yields in the vineyard and an early bud break. Careful irrigation and canopy management were key and allowed our growers to maximize quality and create beautifully ripe and balanced fruit. The wines resulting from the 2015 vintage are some of our favorite to date.

WINE STATS

Cases produced: 466
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: 6.7 g/L
pH: 3.52

Vineyard: Haire Vineyard

Appellation: Carneros, Napa Valley
Oak: 45% New French Oak
Blend: 100% Chardonnay
Aging: 16 Months Sur Lie