



2014 CHARDONNAY

Our 2014 Simple Life Chardonnay has a wonderful balance between bright notes of lemon and orange peel along with largely aromatic notes of papaya and nectarine. Rich in pineapple and lemon tart flavors yet crisp and elegant. Malolactic fermentation adds a roundness to the mouthfeel but the brilliant acidity persists and leaves a nice finish. Pair with brunch dishes like eggs benedict or chicken and waffles or go for lighter fare like a simple arugula, fig and goat cheese salad.

APPELLATION

With its moderate climate, and diverse terroir, the state of California offers many distinct AVAs. For our 2014 Simple Life Chardonnay, grapes were sourced from Clarksburg AVA, an up and coming wine region located in California's Sacramento Delta. The area was quickly discovered by grape growers attracted by a microclimate which closely mirrored that of nearby Napa Valley. The soils here are a combination of poorly-draining clay and rich loam, meaning vines experience nutrient-rich and sometimes arid conditions. During the growing season, warm days give way to cooling afternoon breezes from the San Francisco Bay, dropping temperatures down 30 to 40°F from their daytime highs. This mass of cool air allows wine grapes to retain more acidity than those grown in similarly warm regions.

VINTAGE

With another year in the record books, the 2014 vintage came in at the third-largest grape harvest ever, down eight percent from the previous year. A mild winter and spring with drought conditions persisting, bud break occurred early. From southern to northern California winemakers have stated that it was an even earlier harvest than years before, starting with sparkling grapes in July and ending mid-October for later ripening varieties. Despite the drought, California will produce another great vintage. Arid conditions have given the grapes a chance to struggle, which thins out the vines and allows the clusters to gain concentration of flavor, intensity and complexity.

BLEND	93% Chardonnay 7% Viognier	APPELLATION	California	OAK AGING	6 months*
		VINTAGE	2014	OAK SOURCING	100% French Oak 100% New
		WINEMAKER	Gloria Mercado-Martín	PH	3.66
				TA	5.9 g/L
		ALCOHOL	13.5%	UPC	8 33302 00502 8

*for 50% of the Chardonnay