2013 CHARDONNAY

GHOST PINES®

Ghost Pines knows no boundaries. Inspired by the free-form nature of the indigenous gray pines that loom mysteriously throughout Northern California, Ghost Pines embodies the progressive spirit of California winemaking. Rather than dwelling on traditional boundaries like AVAs or vineyards, grapes are chosen solely for their quality and flavor from California's best regions. This selective practice results in a collection of wines that offer a distinct balance of texture, acidity and flavor that could never be mistaken for ordinary.



HARVEST REPORT

In 2013, we selected grapes from Monterey, Sonoma and Napa counties for our Chardonnay. Throughout the entire growing season, all three regions had mild temperatures and just the right amount of rainfall. This led to an excellent balance of sugar, acidity and fruit-forward varietal expression. The combination of these three regions resulted in a complex Chardonnay with layers of flavor and a firm acidity.

VITICULTURE NOTES

The grapes for our Chardonnay were whole cluster pressed to enhance the variety's fresh fruit character. After press, the juice was settled for 12 to 24 hours prior to being racked off the lees for fermentation. The juice fermented for up to three weeks at 60°F, producing a clean, expressive characteristic in this Chardonnay. To create a buttery texture and deep, layered flavors, this wine underwent sur lie aging and malolactic fermentation.

TASTE PROFILE

Selected from three of California's most recognized Chardonnay appellations, Sonoma, Monterey and Napa, our Ghost Pines Chardonnay offers expressive, fruit-forward characteristics. The artful combination of these three regions delivers baked apple, pear and lemon cream flavors, accented by an elegant finish of sweet vanilla.

VARIETAL CONTENT:
100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION:
38% Monterey County; 33% Sonoma County; 29% Napa County

ALCOHOL CONTENT:
13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
0.53 G/100ML

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
0.52 G/100ML

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3.55

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