



RIVERBENCH



2015 BEDROCK CHARDONNAY

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay, Clone 4
HARVEST	September 5, 2015
COOPERAGE	100% Stainless Steel
ACIDITY	0.67 g/100ml
PH	3.4
ALCOHOL	12.2%
BOTTLED	January 28, 2016
PRODUCTION	527 cases
PRICE	\$25

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Wine Enthusiast
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WINEMAKERS NOTES

Chardonnay is truly one of the world's most versatile varieties, and we love showing it in all its various forms. Our version of the "no oak" trend is a stand-out representation of the purity of the Chardonnay grape. Crisp and bright, this wine boasts a bright nose of pineapple and lemon zest thanks to its fermentation in 100% stainless steel tanks. A little time sur lies and partial malolactic fermentation add a richness that balances out that tart fruit, and the palate of pear, starfruit and a hint of cream make this a perfect treat all on its own or paired with a range of foods. This vintage in particular has a gorgeous aroma of freshly cut grass thanks to cooler fermentations, and maybe a little wet river rock mixed in. Enjoy poolside, with brunch, or near the grill with friends.

2015 HARVEST

We began harvest on August 3rd and completed harvest September 30, 2015. The vines emerged from dormancy early this year which translated into an early harvest. The growing temperatures varied greatly throughout the year with some very warm months and rather cool ones as well. In general, the 2015 vintage was a lighter crop in comparison to many years but it made up for it in quality. The clusters were made up of small firm berries. The harvest crews worked diligently through the cool nights bringing in this year's crop. This will be a long post-harvest season, in which, we have our fingers crossed we will receive an abundance of much needed rainfall. This will help adequately supply the vines with proper hydration for emergence in the spring. At that time, we will be ready to start another exciting vintage.

