2015 GRAND RESERVE CHARDONNAY

PURE CALIFORNIA COASTAL EXPRESSION



GRAND RESERVE®

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

53% Monterey County

47% Santa Barbara County

Composition:

100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging:

8 months aging in 79% French oak (29% new) with the balance in American oak

T.A.:

0.60/100ml

pH:

3.58

Alcohol:

14.5%

WINEMAKER NOTES

"Lush tropical fruit intertwines with lemon, lime and floral notes. Elegantly layered, this wine exhibits a rich texture and firm backbone with a hint of vanilla and spice to round out the long finish."

-Randy Ullom, Winemaster

Winemaking Philosophy

Grand Reserve is a winemaker's blend of our mountain, ridge, hillside and benchland grapes grown along California's cool coastal appellations. We hand select grapes from our best estate vineyards and then monitor, taste and hand-hold each individual lot throughout the winemaking process. Each lot is kept separate, barrel-aged and crafted—boutique winery style. Our winemakers have an unmatched palette of flavors, toast levels and terroir nuances from which they masterfully blend these exemplary rich, deep and complex wines.

Experience the Difference

- Crafted from the top 5% of all the Kendall-Jackson lots
- 70% of the wine is from the same vineyard blocks year-to-year, ensuring greater consistency and enhanced complexity with each vintage
- Sur lie aged with lees stirred twice monthly to integrate fruit and oak and promote a creamy mouthfeel
- All of our estate vineyards are certified sustainable by the CCSW (Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing) and SIP (Sustainability in Practice) programs
- Monterey County's hillside fruit brings Meyer lemon and lime to the nose
- Santa Barbara County provides tropical fruit and pineapple

VINTAGE PROFILE

In 2015, we had one of the earliest seasons ever. From bud break to harvest, we were about one month early on all fronts. Yet with this shift, the growing days were essentially the same as a "normal" season.

"Our family culture is built on the time-honored principles of hard work, integrity, an uncompromising desire for quality and the long-term stewardship of the land."

- JESS JACKSON, FOUNDER