

Estate expression • Elevated vineyards • Rare

Our Highland Estates wines showcase our estate properties located on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in cool coastal California vineyards. These limited production, highly allocated wines are critically acclaimed and rare. This series is all about *terroir*. Each label has a pictorial representation of the estate vineyard from which the fruit was sourced. The combination of soil, elevation and climate on each estate is a key contributor to the wine's powerful style.

## SECO HIGHLANDS

### 2004 CHARDONNAY

ARROYO SECO

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:**

Arroyo Seco

**Composition:**

100% Chardonnay

**Barrel Aging:**

Aged 10 months in 100% French (42% new) medium toasted oak barrels

**Cases Produced:** 506

**Alcohol:** 14.4

**TA:** .57 g/100 ml

**pH:** 3.63

#### KEY POINTS

**Elevation:** 250-350 feet above sea level.

**Source:** Arroyo Seco in Monterey County, 100% Chardonnay.

**Clonal Selection:** Rued and Dijon 76. The Rued imparts a Muscat/Gewurtztraminer nose and the Dijon a floral Viognier hue to make a very inviting and surprising Chardonnay.

**Soil:** Western slope of Arroyo Seco region that is an alluvial bench of sandy loam and gravel soils.

**Flavor Profile:** Hints of buttery oak support a floral citrus note that whimsically teases the Chardonnay aficionado. This wine is lightly filtered.

**Climate:** Quite windy, yet nestled against the Santa Lucia mountains which reduces the wind factor. Fog is usually thick in the evenings, coming in daily from the Monterey Bay.

