



2012 CHARDONNAY

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation



WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium straw hue. Scents of honey, citrus, and butterscotch leap out of the glass. Hints of apple and banana round out the aroma profile. Flavors focus into citrus, honey, and butterscotch in this youthful Chardonnay. The palate is vibrant and well focused by subtle notes of French oak. The finish starts lively, then fades slowly while getting richer. Drink now through 2017.

~Bill Brosseau, Winemaker

APPELLATION

Working closely with some of the top vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands' appellation, Testarossa has produced this limited release Chardonnay from the exacting 2012 vintage. The Highlands is one of the state's best known regions for world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The area's close proximity to Monterey Bay makes for a very cool climate, with one of California's longest growing seasons. The resulting slow, gentle ripening allows for full flavor development on the vine. Testarossa's production team's partnership with the best estates in the SLH insure only the highest quality fruit makes it to the winery. For this vintage, proprietors Rob and Diana Jensen and winemaker Bill Brosseau drew primarily upon well-known properties Lone Oak and Fogstone vineyards.

ACCOLADES

2012 Santa Lucia Highlands Chardonnay
90 Pts *International Wine Review*

2011 Santa Lucia Highlands Chardonnay
93 Pts *Galloni*

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- Appellation:** Santa Lucia Highlands
- Soil:** porous, well-drained shaly loams
- Elevation:** 200-600 ft.
- Vineyards:** Primarily Fogstone and Lone Oak Vineyards
- 1st TRW Vintage:** 2009
- Alcohol:** 14.2%
- Acidity:** 6.90 g/L 3.55 pH
- Cooperage:** 100% French Oak
15% New Oak
- Aging:** 10 Months
- Harvested:** October, 2012
- Produced:** 2814 Cases

WINERY

Testarossa (Italian for "red head") was the nickname given Rob Jensen as a young university student in Italy. Rob and Diana Jensen started Testarossa in their garage in 1993 with just twenty-five cases of wine. Today, the label has grown to national prominence among collectors by cultivating long-term partnerships with passionate winegrowers and vineyards.



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