

2015 CHARDONNAY TONDRE GRAPEFIELD



Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation



2015 Tondre Grapefield Chardonnay

Owners: Joe & Penny Alarid

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Soil: Sandy, gravelly loam

Elevation: 300-400 ft.

Exposure: South

Vineyard: 2 of 21 acres, yield 3
tons, Dijon 76, 96

Planted: 2007

First TRW Vintage: 2014

Alcohol: 14.6%

Acidity: 1.9 g/L - 3.25 pH

Cooperage: 100% French Oak,
33% New Oak

Aging: 12 months

Harvested: 8/20/2015

Produced: 12 barrels

WINEMAKER NOTES

Straw hue. This relatively new addition to our Chardonnay line-up is showing great promise out the gates. Complex array of fruits ranging from kiwi, ripe grapefruit, papaya, banana, and all the way to apple, key lime pie, and pineapple notes. These characters segue gracefully into the palate and land peacefully on a creamy, custard backbone. While the texture is smooth, lush, and expansive, it is balanced by vibrant definition. The finish remains persistent, starting bright and fresh, followed by suppleness. Enjoy now through 2024.

~Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking

APPELLATION

Originally planted in 1997, the Tondre Grapefield is growing in popularity and recognition as well. Testarossa Winery has been making Tondre Grapefield Pinot Noir since 2012 and this is the first vintage for Testarossa's Tondre Grapefield Chardonnay. Tondre is located directly in the center of the Santa Lucia Highlands just to the south of Soberanes and Garys' Vineyards. Joe Alarid and his team hand-care for each vine where they have multiple clones planted within the 80 acres of Pinot Noir and 21 acres of Chardonnay.

ACCOLADES

2014 Tondre Grapefield Chardonnay

91 Points *Connoisseurs' Guide*

90+ Points *International Wine Review*

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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