

2016 CHARDONNAY CUVÉE LOS GATOS



Monterey County



2016 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay

Appellation: Monterey County

Soil: Rocky, well draining,
loam soils

Elevation: Various

Exposure: Various

Vineyard: Fogstone, Lone Oak,
Rosella's and Soberanes
Vineyards

Planted: Various

First TRW Vintage: Various

Alcohol: 14.2%

Acidity: 5.97 g/L - 3.66 pH

Cooperage: 71% Tank Aged, 29%
neutral french oak

Aging: 9 months

Harvested: September 2016

WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium yellow hue. Generous scents of fig, ripe, apple, papaya, orange, and kiwi comprise the aroma profile of this Appellation blend. Flavors of the same nature persist in a full, rich palate with modest acidity. The finish is dense and shows concentration in the absence of new oak. Enjoy now through 2022.

~Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking

COUNTY

For Testarossa's Cuvée Los Gatos releases, Rob and Diana Jensen and Director of Winemaking Bill Brosseau hand-select and combine vineyard lots from highly regarded growing districts. For this bottling, the grapes were sourced from the Santa Lucia Highlands in the Salinas Valley in Monterey County. In particular, a majority of the fruit came from vineyards in the northern end of this famous appellation - one of the country's best-known regions for world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Highlands 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.

ACCOLADES

2015 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay
90+ Points *International Wine Report*

2014 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay
89 Points *International Wine Report*

2013 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay
89 Points *Wine Enthusiast*

2012 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay
92 Points *Wine Enthusiast*

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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