



## 2011 CHARDONNAY • SOBERANES VINEYARD

### THE LABEL

For two decades, Testarossa has specialized in small lot, vineyard-centric Chardonnay from only the best winegrowing estates.

### THE PLACE

Soberanes is in the heart of the SLH appellation. This vineyard is a newer venture of Gary Pisoni and Gary Francioni.

### THE WINE

Focused and rich citrus flavors with spice and minerality. This wine is food friendly and will age well if so desired.

The Soberanes Vineyard is in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands' bench and is directly adjacent to Garys' vineyard. This vineyard is managed with the utmost in care and attention to detail.

The 2011 growing season in Monterey County was cooler than average. Due to this the harvest time was pushed back a few weeks and yields were a bit lower. Although there was rainfall during the season, the timing was such that crops did not suffer. There is plenty of richness from this smaller crop that will make for excellent wine.

Upon arrival at the winery, the fruit was carefully hand sorted. A gentle gravity flow process is used throughout the winery. The juice went through primary fermentation in French oak cooperage with native yeasts. Twenty-one percent of the barrels were new. Secondary malolactic conversion occurred naturally. The wine was allowed eleven months of sur-lie barrel aging prior to bottling.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

*"Medium straw hue. Intense aroma of butterscotch, ripe fig, lemon-zest, and mandarin orange unite in exciting new wine from the Santa Lucia Highlands. Dense layers of citrus, minerality, nutmeg, and fruit are framed by good acidity. As the wine lingers in the palate, the finish becomes more focused and brisk, leading to a long life ahead for this up and coming vineyard. Drink now through 2018."*

- Bill Brosseau

#### Winegrowing

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Vineyard: Soberanes

Soils: Porous, well-drained sandy loams

#### Winemaking

Alcohol: 14.3%

Acidity: 7.8g/L pH: 3.38

Cooperage: 100% French Oak

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