



2015 Monte Sereno Vineyard Chardonnay Arroyo Grande Valley



Yields in 2015 in Coastal San Luis Obispo County were the lowest since 2011 due to inclement spring weather which caused poor fruit set, as well as the effects of the ongoing drought. Warm and dry summer conditions coupled with the small yield, resulted in an early harvest which was completed in our estate vineyards on September 22, 2015. The wines produced in 2015 will be similar to those produced in the immediately preceding vintages of 2013 and 2014, emphasizing harmony and balanced acidity, though with more concentration due to the low yields.

- ◆ Produced entirely from estate grown chardonnay grapes from the Monte Sereno Vineyard
- ◆ Hand-harvested August 19, 2015
- ◆ The average yield was 2.05 tons per acre
- ◆ Naturally barrel fermented with native yeast
- ◆ Aged *sur lie* 17 months in French oak barrels, 50% one year old barrel
- ◆ 75 cases bottled in February 2017 without filtration
- ◆ 13.7% alcohol

At just over three acres, the Monte Sereno Vineyard is the smallest of the vineyards owned by the Talley Family. Located about 1 1/2 miles west of the winery, in the alluvial soils of the Arroyo Grande Valley adjacent to a sandstone bluff, it produces the softest and most approachable Chardonnay in the portfolio.

The 2015 vintage of the Monte Sereno Vineyard Chardonnay features a bright bouquet of nectar and lemon curd. Notes of pithy pear and lime on the palate are complemented by hints of granite and pie crust. Try pairing this chardonnay with sea bass ceviche or lemony grilled chicken.