

# MACROSTIE *Chardonnay*



What makes our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay so special?

## OUR VINEYARD PARTNERS

Chardonnay has been a time-honored favorite since our first harvest in 1987. For thirty one years we've built deep relationships with our grower partners and their iconic vineyards. Together we are committed to sustainable farming methods, long-term relationships, small yields and award-winning wines.

Our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is a meticulous blend from premier cool climate vineyards throughout the Sonoma Coast. The highly acclaimed **Kent Ritchie Vineyard**, **Martinelli Vineyards** and **Dutton Ranch** in the Russian River Valley, the prestigious **Sangiaco Vineyards** in Carneros and Steve MacRostie's own **Wildcat Mountain Vineyard** on the volcanic hills of the Sonoma Coast all add complex layers of flavour.

## IN THE CELLAR

Grapes are hand-harvested then whole-cluster pressed to keep the wine delicate and bright. The wine is aged in a combination of French oak barrels (17% new) for 6 months to add richness and body, while 15% was held back in stainless steel tanks to preserve freshness and vibrancy.

## WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

The wine begins with a beautifully fragrant nose of pineapple, mango and guava. On the palate, the tropical fruit elements mingle with lively citrus layers as well as hints of spice from the French oak. The finish is crisp, refreshing and quickly invites another taste!



### **Sangiaco Vineyards**

*Carneros*  
floral, lemon + tropical notes

### **Wildcat Mountain**

*Sonoma Coast*  
honey + mineral structure

### **Kent Ritchie Vineyard**

*Russian River Valley*  
lemon blossom + honeysuckle

### **Dutton Ranch**

*Russian River Valley*  
honeydew + passionfruit

### **Martinelli Vineyards**

*Russian River Valley*  
perfume + lemon citrus

# Our Chardonnay Vineyard Partners

Sustainable farming, long-term relationships, award-winning wines.



## SANGIACOMO VINEYARDS, *Carneros*

- Sangiacomo family farming in Sonoma County since the 1927
- Farm 1,000+ acres of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards in Carneros
- MacRostie's first vineyard partner in 1987 (and in all 31 years since)
- Developed an attentive Vine Ecology—the environment, weather, soil conditions and light exposure, with careful vine management system



## WILDCAT MOUNTAIN VINEYARD, *Sonoma Coast*

- Steve MacRostie planted 58 acres of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir across 18 vineyard blocks in 1998
- Situated in the remote highlands between Sonoma and Petaluma with porous volcanic soils and elevations ranging from 500 to 750 feet
- Clockwork morning fog, bright afternoon sun, with moderating cooling breezes
- Very long growing season that allows the fruit to achieve optimal ripeness, with good acidity and excellent structure



## KENT RITCHIE VINEYARD, *Russian River Valley*

- 45 year old vines planted in 1972 by Chardonnay legend, Kent Ritchie
- Thick & gnarled vines produce some of the most sought after wines in California
- Sandy loam soil with striations of sandstone, planted to the Wente clone



## DUTTON RANCH, *Russian River Valley*

- Dutton family farming in Sonoma County since the 1880s
- Sustainably and organically farm 74 different vineyard sites and 1100 acres
- 17 different clones of Chardonnay and 14 different clones of Pinot Noir planted



## MARTINELLI VINEYARDS, *Russian River Valley*

- Martinelli family has been farming in Sonoma County since the 1880s
- Famous for their iconic 100+ year old Jackass Vineyard
- 18 estate vineyard sites over 175 acres throughout Russian River Valley
- Primarily Franciscan & Goldridge soils and Wente & Dijon clones



## TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF 90+ POINT SCORES

- 2016: **92 points** Wine Advocate
- 2015: **90 points** Wine Advocate
- 2014: **90 points** Wine Spectator
- 2013: **91 points** Wine Enthusiast
- 2012: **92 points** Wine & Spirits
- 2011: **90 points** Wine Enthusiast
- 2010: **91 points** Wine Enthusiast
- 2009: **90 points** Wine Enthusiast
- 2008: **92 points** Wine Spectator
- 2007: **91 points** Connoisseurs Guide

