

MACROSTIE *Chardonnay*

What makes our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay so special?



OUR VINEYARD PARTNERS

Chardonnay has been a time-honored favorite at MacRostie Winery & Vineyards since our first harvest in 1987. Over the years, we've focused on building a small portfolio of partner growers. Twenty six years later, we continue to work with these iconic small vineyards, with several of these relationships going back to the beginning of the winery. Our vineyard partners are committed to sustainable farming methods, long-term relationships, small yields and award-winning wines.

MacRostie Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is a meticulous blend from several cool coastal vineyards including the famed **Dutton Ranch** and the **Martinelli Woolsey Ranch** in Russian River Valley. Another distinguished site is **Sangiaco** in Carneros –third-generation family-owned vineyards that we've sourced from since inception. Steve MacRostie's very own vineyard, **Wildcat Mountain**, plays a significant role in the blend as well. Each individual vineyard site contributes a delicious layer to the wine.

IN THE CELLAR

Grapes are hand-harvested then whole-cluster pressed to keep the wine delicate and bright. After settling, most of the juice is racked into French oak barrels (20% new) for fermentation. Once dry and finished with ML, the barrel-fermented lots are aged on the lees for six months, with occasional stirring to increase richness and body.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Delicate floral aromas introduce this wine followed by lemon citrus and peach stone fruit notes. This wine has a soft entry with an essence of spice from a pie crust and candied orange peel flavors. There is pronounced weight in the mid-palate and finishes with a crisp yet lasting lemon citrus zest on the tongue.



Dutton Ranch

AVA: *Russian River Valley*
Contribution: honeydew melon flavors and a rich mid-palate

Martinelli

AVA: *Russian River Valley*
Contribution: perfume and lemon citrus

Sangiaco

AVA: *Carneros*
Contribution: floral, lemon and tropical notes

Wildcat Mountain

AVA: *Petaluma Gap*
Contribution: honey and mineral structure



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



DUTTON RANCH

Russian River Valley

- Dutton family has been working the land in Sonoma since the 1880s.
- Sustainably and organically farm 1,100 acres.
- 74 different vineyard sites ranging from 0.8 vine acres to 92 vine acres in size.
- 17 different clones of Chardonnay and 14 different clones of Pinot Noir planted.



MARTINELLI

Russian River Valley

- Martinelli Family has farmed grapes in Sonoma County since the 1880's.
- Known for their Jackass Vineyard that's over 100 years old
- 18 unique estate vineyard sites throughout Russian River, approx. 175 acres of vines
- Primarily Franciscan & Goldridge soils and Wente & Dijon clones



SANGIACOMO FAMILY VINEYARDS

Carneros

- In 1927, Vittorio and Maria Sangiacomo set down their roots in Sonoma, on what is now known as **Home Ranch Vineyard** (where MacRostie sources a portion of its grapes).
- Today they farm more than 1,000 acres of vineyards located in Carneros.
- Focus on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.
- Developed an attentive Vine Ecology—the environment, weather, soil conditions and light exposure, with careful vine management system.
- Sangiacomo was the sole source for Chardonnay back in the early days



WILDCAT MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

Petaluma Gap

- Steve MacRostie began planting 58 acres of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines in 1998
- This unique site is situated in the remote western most edge of Carneros.
- Elevations ranging from 500 to 700 feet.
- 18 different vineyard blocks spread across 5 fields.
- Volcanic soil that consistently produces fruit with intensity and depth of flavor.
- 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.



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