



MACROSTIE

2013 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Chardonnay

95 Points – “Steve MacRostie’s wines are always focused and direct, allowing the character of the ground and grape shine through. This Chardonnay, from his Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in what could also be labeled Carneros, has an enticing steely, chalky aroma and a palate of crisp spiced apple and pear fruit, with a tinge of citrus and marzipan. Sturdy in structure, it’s elegant and refined, with just enough caramel oak to frame the fruit and add texture.”

– Linda Murphy, January 2016, *Wine Review Online*

94 Points – “One of the reasons I admire MacRostie’s Chardonnays is that their single vineyard offerings are sufficiently different from each other to make separate bottlings actually meaningful. They are unique wines. Contrast that approach with wineries whose ‘single vineyard’ bottlings reflect a marketing strategy, not a difference in site. This one from the Wildcat Vineyard in Sonoma Coast delivers a harmonious richness and suaveness and comes across, at least at this stage, as a touch brighter and more elegant than their excellent Dutton Ranch bottling. In truth, consumers will be happy drinking either.”

– Michael Apstein, May 2016, *Wine Review Online*

93 Points – “MacRostie’s Wildcat Mountain Chardonnay from this vintage is a beauty that shows off the fruit while showing tremendous restraint with the use of oak. This wine offers an alluring nose of baking spice and lemon crème, with firm backbone on the palate, exquisite balance and a long finish that exhibits a touch of stony minerality.”

– Robert Whitley, December 2015, *Wine Review Online*

Top 100 Wines of 2016 – “This year I have chosen 100 exceptional domestic wines to comprise my Top 100 for 2016.”

93 Points – “Even better than the ‘Sonoma Coast’ bottlings is the 2013 ‘Wildcat Mountain Vineyard’ Chardonnay. The Wildcat Mountain Vineyard was planted by Steve MacRostie in 1998 which was a mountainside ranch in the Petaluma Gap region on the borderlands of the Sonoma Coast. This windswept vineyard lies at 700 feet in close proximity to the bay. The high elevation Chardonnay wine opens with aromas of brioche, Shitake mushroom, orange blossom and lemon oil. There are flavors of Gala apple, Bartlett pear, nutmeg and toasted hazelnuts with lemon accents. This expressive wine has with a long and lingering finish. This shows very nice range, fruit weight, texture and complexity, as I think this will cellar beautifully into the next decade. (Best 2016-2025)”

– Owen Bargreen, December 2016, *International Wine Report*

92 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines – “The 2013 Chardonnay Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, which I believe MacRostie has been making a long time, is from a site that sits high in volcanic soils on the Sonoma Coast. With a color of light greenish straw, the wine has notes of orange oil, citrus and apple skin followed by a fleshy, full-bodied, seductive and lush mouthfeel. This is the sexiest of the three Chardonnays and the most easy to drink out of the bottle.”

– Robert Parker, March 2016, *Wine Advocate*





★★★★: **Excellent quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended** – “This is a vibrant, crisp wine that is full bodied, fairly rich in flavor, and very long on the finish, tasting of pear, lemon peel, grapefruit, honey, vanilla, and roasted nut.”
– Ronn Wiegand, August 2015, *Restaurant Wine*

92 Points: Outstanding – “Moderately light golden yellow color and clear in the glass. Pleasing aromas of lemon curd, cut yellow apple and nutty oak. Slightly plush in the mouth, with riveting flavors of grilled peach, lemon crème and wood sap. Nicely put together with impeccable harmony and a refreshing charge of lemon goodness on the finish.”
– Rusty Gaffney, January 2016, *PinotFile*

92 Points – “Another winner from one of my favorite Chardonnay stylists. It's always about complementing a meal with MacRostie, with this bottling showing the usual crisp, dry style that blooms in the finish and has the acid to cut richer foods. Bright lemon, granite minerality and honey aromas and flavors really burst after the wine leaves your mouth, with lip smacking acidity keeping everything fresh. Try a little spice in your fish or fowl dish next to this – you won't be sorry.”
– Rich Cook, February 2016, *Wine Review Online*

91 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended – “From a site planted by Steve MacRostie in 1998, this white sings in complexity and tension, providing tart jolts of lemon verbena, ginger and nutmeg. Complex and elegant, especially in its floral perfume, it drinks voluptuously, full of come-hither ripeness.”
– Virginie Boone, May 2016, *Wine Enthusiast*

“Wines of the Year” – “You’ve heard the expression, right grapes grown in the right place. No wine defines that phrase more than this MacRostie masterpiece. Planted in 1998 in The Petaluma Gap of the Sonoma Coast AVA, Wildcat Mountain Vineyard is Steve MacRostie’s secret weapon. Stop by his new winery on Westside Road just outside of Healdsburg.”
– Tom Simoneau, December 2015, *Napa Valley Register*

90 Points: Outstanding – “Elegant and smooth with clean, lush style and sweet oak; long and balanced.”
– Anthony Dias Blue, February 2016, *The Tasting Panel*

Steve MacRostie is a legend in Sonoma County — “As I walk to the front door of his new estate winery and tasting room on Westside Road in the Russian River Valley AVA, I’m impressed. I take a seat on the tasting room balcony, basking in the sun with a **2013 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Chardonnay**, a weighty but unusual jewel boasting crushed-gravel notes kissed with lemon and honey.”
– Carey Sweet, May 2016, *Alaska Airlines Magazine*

We recently tasted a bunch of excellent chardonnays – “Steve MacRostie has made chardonnay the name of his game by using several excellent vineyards in Sonoma County.”
2013 MacRostie Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Chardonnay – “our favorite.”
– Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, March 2016, *Capital Gazette*

“The fruit for this comes from one of their Estate vineyards. Tons of citrus aromas fill the nose here. The palate is layered and simply gorgeous. Orchard fruit flavors are tinged with bits of stone and tropical fruit flavors. There is a depth and complexity here from the first whiff to the last note of the long, reverberating finish that adds to the gravitas of this offering. It’s a thinking man’s chardonnay. So pair it with an equally complex dish or sit in the corner and contemplate life with this wine. Either way it’s remarkably delicious.”
– Gabe Sasso, November 2015, *The Daily Meal*



MacRostie chardonnays keep their balance – “For decades, I've enjoyed chardonnays made by Steve MacRostie. MacRostie founded his eponymous Sonoma County winery in 1987. And in the 1990s, MacRostie chardonnay retained a prized placed on my list at Sonoma Grill.

As a chef, I valued balance. Too much alcohol, oak flavor, tannins or fruitiness in the wine destroyed my dish; MacRostie's chardonnays never did that.

The **2013 MacRostie Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Chardonnay** is from one of the only vineyards that MacRostie owns. While the tasty fruit is from four sections and four chardonnay clones, the vineyard's volcanic soil contributes a noticeable minerality and stony backbone to this wine. If I were still in chefdom, I'd serve either MacRostie Sonoma Coast Chardonnay with seared scallops, passionfruit sauce, and roasted fennel; or enjoy it with grilled striped bass or red snapper.”

– John Foy, October 2015, *New Jersey Star-Ledger*

Fresh Fruit Shines Through in Chablis Style – “Some wines from Sonoma's MacRostie Winery and Vineyards fall somewhere between the Cote d'Or style and the Chablis style. My favorite of the group, the **2013 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Sonoma Coast Chardonnay** from MacRostie's estate vineyard on the Sonoma Coast, is in the middle with 18 percent new oak. It's plenty rich, full-bodied and plush, while exhibiting a purity of orange, apple and peach fruit, finishing with a touch of spice.”

– Rich Mauro, June 2016, *The Colorado Springs Gazette*