



MACROSTIE

2014 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

92 Points – “This wine would surely win over even the anti-Chardonnay folks. Its savory dryness is balanced by fresh fruitiness, especially apple and citrusy elements, while the oak presence is more like a dash of spice than a heavy layer of flavor. The sublime duality of richness and delicacy, plus the wine’s palate embracing texture, is what truly sets MacRostie Chardonnay apart from the competition.”

– Marguerite Thomas, April 2016, *Wine Review Online*

12 Diverse Sonoma Chardonnays: New reviews of rich whites from the Sonoma Coast – “Take MacRostie’s Sonoma Coast bottling for example. It offers plenty of zesty, citrus-kissed fruit and mouthwatering acidity, making it a welcome guest at the dinner table. The grapes were whole-cluster pressed, with some of the lots fermented in stainless steel to emphasize the bright fruit and aromatics.”

90 Points, Smart Buys: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style “Features a delicious core of vibrant grapefruit and lemon-laced tangerine and white peach notes. Those who value zesty acidity will love this, as the acidity keeps the flavors fresh and jumping.”

– James Laube and Augustus Weed, January 2016, *Wine Spectator*

Our Ultimate Guide to Value

90 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style – “We love finding outstanding wines; even better is discovering that those bottles are relatively affordable. Pointing our readers to high quality bottles at good prices is always at the top of our to-do list, and we highlight such wines in many ways throughout the year. There’s something for every taste, and we hope this far-reaching guide helps you drink better at feel-good prices.”

– February 2017, *Wine Spectator*

The Buyer's Guide to 75 of the Best California Wines – “Chardonnay: The most exciting areas to watch right now are probably the Sonoma Coast and the Russian River Valley region of Sonoma, where cutting-edge small producers are turning out a substantial number of the state's most riveting Chardonnays.”

Insider's Favorites – 2014 MacRostie Sonoma Coast Chardonnay – “Though Steve MacRostie founded his winery in 1987, his wines rarely get the publicity they deserve, which makes them one of the rare bargains from the Sonoma Coast region. This wine is all about rich, viscous fruit with a wonderful clarity of expression—a straight-ahead wine **beautifully executed.**”

– Ray Isle, September 2016, *Food & Wine*

91 Points – “Here's a **beautiful**, meant-for-the-table Chardonnay that's strong on lemon and pineapple flavors, delivered in a crisp, very dry style and leaving a long finish that brings some stony mineral notes forward to tame the tartness of the lemon. The oak spice is just right – a background note that adds complexity and doesn't intrude. Serve this up with lobster tail or a halibut steak in a creamy sauce.”

– Rich Cook, February 2016, *Wine Review Online*





91 Points: Outstanding – “The best barrels from each lot were selected for the Wildcat Mountain blend. Moderately light golden yellow color in the glass. A polished, refreshing wine with clean aromas of lemon, pineapple and brioche leading to flavors of lemon, vanilla and toasty, buttery oak. Easy to drink, with uplifting energy, generous fruit flavors and admirable balance.”

– Rusty Gaffney, November 2016, *PinotFile*

91 Points – “Following up their impressive 2013, release, their 2014 'Sonoma Coast' Chardonnay is an expressive effort that is an excellent value. Founded in 1987, the seeds for MacRostie Winery and Vineyards go back to 1974 when Steve MacRostie started his winemaking career at Hacienda Winery. The Chardonnay is blended from 30 different vineyard sites, which contribute to the range of flavors and aromatics of this wine. This Chardonnay opens with aromas of brioche, nutmeg, and Gravenstein apple with hints of lemon oil. There are flavors of poached pear, creme brûlée, Pink Lady apple with nice weight and richness with a long cream finish. (Best 2016-2023)”

– Dr. Owen Bargreen, May 2016, *International Wine Report*

90 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines

“**My personal go-to white** at my local supermarket, the 2015 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is real Chardonnay class at a bargain price. It opens with notes of grapefruit, peaches and cream and honeyed toast with a touch of pineapple. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is purely fruited with a lovely suggestion of creaminess plus great intensity and length. With nearly 22,000 cases produced, I'm happy to report there should be loads of this to go around!”

– Lisa Perrotti-Brown, March 2017, *Wine Advocate*

90 Points: Outstanding – “Fresh and smooth with ripe fruit and creamy texture; rich and balanced with a firm core of acidity; mellow and long.”

– Anthony Dias Blue, February 2016, *The Tasting Panel*

4 Stars: Excellent – “An excellent, elegantly styled Chardonnay. It is full bodied, crisp, moderately intense in flavor (lemon, peach, kiwi fruit, pineapple, vanilla, toast), and medium long on the finish. Fine value.”

– Ronn Wiegand, December 2016, *Restaurant Wine*

Bottles show California's diverse regions – “Steve MacRostie founded his winery in 1987, but he'd been making wine in the neighborhood since 1974, which qualifies him as **a modern Sonoma County pioneer**. Today, winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen, who wasn't yet 30 years old when MacRostie put her in charge, has access to grapes from 30 prime chardonnay vineyards, and she'll do as many as 130 small fermentations each vintage, giving her a vast palette of flavors to work with in the cellar. Delicate floral aromas introduce this wine followed by lemon citrus and peach stone fruit notes. It offers a soft entry with an essence of spice from a pie crust and candied orange peel flavors. There's pronounced weight in the mid-palate and finishes with a crisp yet lasting lemon citrus zest on the tongue.”

– Dale Robertson, April 2016, *Houston Chronicle*

White Wine Winners – “One of the best in its price range. Excellent fruit/acid balance. Also, a top destination for a tasting with their new tasting room!”

– Denman Moody, February 2016, *Houston Lifestyles & Homes*

Excellent chardonnays – “Steve MacRostie has made chardonnay the name of his game by using several excellent vineyards in Sonoma County. This introductory chardonnay sets the foundation for his single-vineyard chardonnays. Pineapple aromas give way to a softly textured wine with balanced acidity.”

– Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, August 2016, *Capital Gazette*

MacRostie turns persnickety grapes into wonderful wines – “A lovely pale straw color, the **Sonoma Coast Chardonnay** emits suave fragrances of oak, vanilla and melon. Its flavor contains elements of peaches and pears, lemon rind, honey and murmuring caramel that linger through a long, resonant finish. I would say that the wine has crisp but subtle acidity. Its complementary minerality made me think of cool gray cobbles lying in a rushing mountain stream. This is an excellent wine to enjoy with seafood. Whatever you pair it with, you will enjoy this delightful wine.”

– Robert Calvert, July 2016, *Charleston Style & Design*



MacRostie Chardonnay and Pinot Noir: A lesson in terroir – “Vintners, especially Steve MacRostie, have been testing the most challenging areas of Sonoma County for years. He was one of the earliest to plant Chardonnay and Pinot Noir on the fog-shrouded, windy hillsides of Wildcat Mountain in the Petaluma Gap. Dry, full-bodied and complex, this one is a classic, with butterscotch and brown sugar notes off the barrels and notes of apple, pear and ginger with underlying minerality. Oak is thoroughly infused in the flavors. It’s a compelling wine that asks you to sip slowly and savor each nuance.”

– Sandra Silfven, December 2016, *The Detroit News*

Sips Appeal – “Sourced from prized Sonoma Coast vineyards, the wine has notes of pineapple that extend from the nose to the end of the palate on this weighty wine, along with lemon peel and minerals.”

– Kristine Hansen, June 2016, *FSR Magazine*

MacRostie Winery and Vineyards – “I’m not much of a California Chardonnay drinker, but I know a lot of people are, so I thought I’d toss in a new discovery that I enjoyed very much. I was familiar with MacRostie, a Sonoma County producer, but I had not tried their Sonoma Coast Chard. Leaning more toward lemon peel and green melon and younger (not overly ripe) pineapple flavors and aromas, the MacRostie Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is the perfect accompaniment to summertime salads or the aforementioned grilled chicken.”

– Dave Eckert, June 2016, *The Kansas City Star*

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Our Picks for California's Top 25 Wines – “This wine is all about rich, viscous fruit with a wonderful clarity of expression—a straight-ahead wine, beautifully executed.”

– Paul Hodgins, December 2016, *The Orange County Register*

Wines to Enjoy Now – “From different, well-known vineyard sites, including the Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, this underpriced gem exhibits fresh pineapple and lemon nuances, along with minerality and a refreshing, long finish.”

– Denman Moody, May 2016, *Houston Lifestyles & Homes*