



2014 Chardonnay Sangiaco Vineyard



ORIGIN: The grapes for this Chardonnay came exclusively from four different blocks of the famed Sangiaco Vineyard: Rich Kiser, Kiser A, Kiser B and a Petaluma Gap site called Roberts Road. For three generations the Sangiaco family has been growing grapes in and around the town of Sonoma. Recognized as master winegrowers, their fruit is highly prized for consistent quality and delicious flavor profiles.

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2014 vintage was a classic Sonoma County year. Moderate temperatures and weather conditions without rain or frost allowed the fruit to develop slowly and evenly. The Sangiaco Family maintains a good balance of fruit and leaf canopy on the vines, which results in a healthy crop. The grapes destined for our Sangiaco Chardonnay were harvested by hand on four separate days: September 23rd, October 1st, October 6th and October 7th, 2014.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The harvested grapes went directly to press as whole clusters in order to maximize quality, and were gently pressed. This provides a distinct mouthfeel texture. After settling, the juice was racked into French oak barrels for fermentation. The wine spent its entire life in barrel where it completed primary and secondary malo-lactic fermentations and then aged on the lees for ten months. In order to increase richness and body, it was occasionally stirred. When the blend was assembled, twelve barrels were chosen, two of which were new, the rest used for previous vintages. This provides a balance oak profile, with rich flavors and subtle tannin—the signature MacRostie Chardonnay style of oak nuance. The Sangiaco Chardonnay was assembled after ten months of oak aging, just prior to bottling, which took place in August 2015.

TASTING NOTES: This wine is lemon citrus driven with lemongrass and honeysuckle aromas on the edges. Ripe fruit dominates the palate, which finishes with a rich mouthfeel and a complex texture.

This vintage produced 12 barrels, 277 (750 ml) cases
Suggested Retail Price: \$46

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