



2013 Napa Valley Chardonnay



The Silenus 2013 Napa Valley Chardonnay was harvested at the peak of ripeness and gently whole-cluster pressed. After settling for two days the juice was moved to oak barrels for fermentation. During the first six months the lees were stirred twice a month to build complexity and mouthfeel. The wine was aged for 11 months in 40% new French oak and 60% neutral oak.

Tasting Notes:

The nose has elegant aromas of tropical fruit, pear and toasted almonds. The palate is rich with fresh pineapple, mandarin orange, caramel and cream with underlying flavors of toasted oak. The finish is long and pretty with continued hints of peach and vanilla.

Blend:

100% Chardonnay

❖ 100% Red Hen Vineyard, Oak Knoll District

Specs:

Harvest date: September 7, 2013

Bottling date: July 25, 2014

Cases produced: 213

Bottle size: 750 mL

Titrateable Acidity: 5.37 g/L

pH: 3.44

Residual sugar: 0.8 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5%

Winemaker: Bradley Smith

2015 San Francisco Wine Competition – Gold Medal

2014 Grand Harvest Awards for Terrior – Silver Medal