



THE STORY

Planted in 1999 with a selection of Dijon clones, this vineyard lies on a steep, rocky, Northeast-facing slope of our Mountain Estate at an average elevation of 1,300 feet. These vines receive early morning sun and minimal exposure to hot afternoon temperatures, an ideal environment for gradual ripening and maximum maturation of the grapes.

THE WINE

- 100% Chardonnay
- Harvested September 5th – 28th
- Whole cluster sorted, then pressed
- Juice cold settled for 24 hours and moved to barrel by gravity
- 90% Barrel fermented / 10% concrete; partial malolactic fermentation
- Aged 18 months in French oak barrels (30% new) and concrete (10%)
- No sulfite additions at harvest or during aging
- Alcohol by volume 14.5%
- Bottle date: Spring 2015
- 1,200 cases produced

TASTING NOTES

Intensely brilliant and chiseled, the 2013 Chardonnay Mountain Estate Vineyard is shaping up to be a real gem. Lemon oil, almonds and white flowers meld into a core of intense minerality in this beautifully nuanced Chardonnay. The 2013 is a wine of precision and energy.

- 91 - 94 points *Vinous Media*, Antonio Galloni