

2015 Carmel Road West Bend Chardonnay

Region: Arroyo Seco, Monterey

Rising from the wide mouth of the deep, cold Monterey Bay, the Arroyo Seco AVA is located 40 miles up the Salinas Valley, nestled to the west on the foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountains. Directly in the path of the ocean's relentless influence, fog and fierce winds sweep over the vineyards, making this one of the coldest wine regions in California.

Vintage: 2015

The 2015 growing season featured a dry winter and a warmer than average spring, which initiated early bud break and flowering. These conditions continued late into the growing season, as warm days and cool nights allowed grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. Overall, 2015 was outstanding vintage for Monterey Chardonnay, resulting in a wine that offers a pure varietal expression with balanced acidity and remarkable flavor.

Winemaker Notes:

The West Bend Chardonnay is rich, bold and beautifully balanced. Aromas of melon, peach and apricot intertwine with lush tropical notes and just a hint of cashew. The flavors are luscious, fruit forward and distinctly mineral, leading to a long structured finish.

Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Source: Gravelstone

Appellation: Arroyo Seco, Monterey

Barrel Aging: 10 months in 100% French oak (35% new)

PH: 3.71

TA: 0.56 g/100ml