



# CHALK HILL

FELTA

2015 CHARDONNAY

CHALK HILL ESTATE has a long history experimenting with Chardonnay, both in the vineyard and the winery. One of the great things about an estate is the ability to take the time to do things carefully and thoughtfully. Each Chardonnay block here is planted with the ideal clone and rootstock, the result of years of learning what works best where. This Chardonnay takes its name from the alluvial soil on our estate called Felta. Its gravelly texture and naturally balanced nutrients allow for optimum growing conditions for Chardonnay.

Each Chardonnay barrel is unique, from variations in the barrels themselves to the particular native yeast population that ferments the juice in that barrel. When blending our club Chardonnays, we choose the specific barrels that best show off the characteristics of that vineyard. For our 2015 Felta Chardonnay, those characteristics are aromas of yellow peach, apple, buttered croissant, and a hint of smoky vanilla. The palate is full with a delightfully creamy texture and inviting flavors of peach cobbler, buttered croissant and vanilla-spice.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2015

*Average Yields:* 4 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.9°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% NATIVE YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 75% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 15 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 100% CHARDONNAY

*Bottling Date:* DECEMBER 12, 2016

*pH:* 3.65      *TA:* 5.5 G/L      *Alcohol:* 14.8%

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