

BROADSIDE

2012 WHITE HAWK CHARDONNAY



The White Hawk Vineyard is a 60-acre vineyard planted on ancient sand dunes on the south facing slope of Cat Canyon, part of the Los Alamos Valley in Santa Barbara County. Well known for contributing to many of the greatest Syrah-based wines in California (the 100-pt Sine Qua Non "Poker Face" being a noteworthy example), it gives us another great opportunity to highlight remarkable terroir through the transparent elegance of restrained Chardonnay.

We pick early based on our ideal of acid structure and flavor development, leaving plenty of space for the character of the vineyard to shine through. The grapes are whole-cluster pressed, cold-settled, and left to ferment naturally in barrel and concrete egg. A light filtration and small sulfur addition before bottling constitute the remainder of our intervention.

The label is an artistic rendition of microscopic particles of sand which are instrumental to the struggle and success of the White Hawk vineyard.

Green-gold with invitingly subtle notes of brioche, apple and the sea. Fleshes out on the palate with good weight and substance, echoing the fruit-aromatics with a kiss of Meursault-oak. Finishes rich and dry, interplaying texture and acidity.

**Vineyard - White Hawk
(Santa Barbara County)**

Composition - 100% Chardonnay

Clones - Mt. Eden & 76

**Élevage- 20% Concrete, 80% French Oak
(2 barrels of the 10 were new)**

Fermentation - native with no adjustments or additions in the cellar

Alcohol - 13.5%

Production - 300 cases