

VARNER and Neely

Vintage & Block Summary Chardonnay

VARNER

2013 Amphitheater Block

2 acres

south-facing slope

780 to 735 ft. elevation

32 year old vines

own roots

sedimentary rock near surface

probably Wente clone

all french oak, twenty-five percent new,

features Jupilles forest

340 cases produced

VARNER

2013 Home Block

2 acres

east-facing slope

840 to 805 ft. elevation

33 year old vines

own roots

sedimentary rock medium depth

probably clone 4

all french oak, twenty-five percent new,

features Nevers forest

363 cases produced

VARNER

2013 Bee Block

3.5 acres

northeast-facing slope

735 to 670 ft. elevation

32 year old vines

5c rootstock

sedimentary rock furthest from surface

selection massale from Home Block

all french oak, twenty-five percent new,

features Bertranges & Troncais forests

571 cases produced

Ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, northern Santa Cruz Mountains appellation

Dry-farmed, non-fertilized, hand-hoed, no insecticides

Grown on porous, young (1-3 million years old) fractured sedimentary rock

Minimally settled juice, indigenous yeast and malo-lactic bacteria, barrel fermentation

Hand-racked using an esquive and hand -cranked barrel tilting device.

Neely

2013 Holly's Cuvee

A blend of all three blocks,

64% Bee Block

29% Amphitheater Block

7% Home Block

Each block component is composed of a proportional blend of all barrels

191 cases produced

The 2011

vintage was the coolest and latest to date. There were no summer heat spikes, unlike 2010, and the fall was wet, but botrytis was avoided. Sugars were low, but all blocks were physiologically ripe.

In 2012

mild weather persisted throughout the growing season, and the resulting wines express more of the blocks than vintage. They are forward and expressive wines.

The 2013

growing season was dry with no rain, but also a very cool summer and cool fall. The wines have a bright and elegant structure. Physiological ripeness came at a normal pace of development.



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