

MAIL ROAD



MT. CARMEL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY STA. RITA HILLS VINTAGE 2014

100% Chardonnay

Total Production 225 Cases

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(cl. Mt. Carmel own-rooted)

Harvest: Aug 29 - Sep 8, 2014

No so2 until March

Own-rooted vines planted 1990

Spontaneous fermentation

25% malolactic

40% new French oak

30% neutral French oak

30% stainless barrels

Bottled: September 15, 2014

Alcohol: 13%

SRP: \$175

Winemaker: Matt Dees

TASTING NOTES: "High elevation and limestone soils mark Mt. Carmel Vineyard out. The vines are dry-farmed and the result is wonderful: ripe fruit only just peeks through on the nose, an aromatic notion of ripe yellow apple with lemon brightness, surrounded by echos of smoky hazelnut. The palate reprises this theme, and everything is still taut and dew-fresh, it seems. This is precise, concentrated and elegant; its considerable force is brought into enviable poise."

Rating: 95 points, Antonio Galloni



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