



# ANDOVER ESTATE CHARDONNAY

2014

MONTEREY

CALIFORNIA

*Nestled in the heart of Monterey wine country, Andover Estate is dedicated to sustainably growing grapes and handcrafting balanced, elegant bottlings that express the essence of our vineyards. For more than 44 years we've been sustainably farming our estates and managing each vine with care to ensure the highest quality fruit and a healthy vineyard brimming with life and character. The resulting wines represent what is possible when a commitment to excellence is maintained from vine to bottle.*

## ARROYO SECO

The grapes for our Chardonnay are grown on estate vineyards in the cool, rocky Arroyo Seco AVA of Monterey County, sheltered in the late afternoon shadows of the Santa Lucia Mountains. Each morning, cold marine air from the Monterey Bay drifts down the valley in a thick fog that burns off by midday. In the late afternoon the sunshine brings fierce, howling winds from the Pacific Ocean that slow photosynthesis and the low rainfall ensures that vine vigor is well-controlled. These unique conditions allow our grapes to mature slowly on the vine, leading to intense flavor development, heightened varietal character and lively acidity. Each year we produce a limited bottling of Chardonnay from this special, rocky place. It is a remarkable site that consistently yields a graceful and refined Chardonnay.

## TASTING

Andover wines are pure expressions of their varieties and the singular terroir of our estate vineyards. Our 2014 Chardonnay is bright, focused and elegant with aromas of vanilla, orange blossom, and yellow delicious apple. Lush and ripe flavors of white peach, Asian pear, vanilla and citrus finish with a hint of creamy, honeyed oak.

## WINE INFO

*Appellation* Arroyo Seco, Monterey | *Vineyards* Elm, Baja Viento

*Harvest Date* October 9, 2014 | *Harvest Brix* 23.8°

*Composition* 100% Chardonnay | *Aging* 65% stainless, 35% oak

*Cooperage* 12 months, 35% new French oak

*Alcohol* 13.5% | *pH* 3.56

*TA* 0.56 g/L | *Cellaring* Enjoy now through 2018

*Bottling Date* January 2, 2016 | *Release Date* April 1, 2016

