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2014 Bouche d'Or Late Harvest Chardonnay

Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Chardonnay.

Growing Season

2014 was one of the earliest harvests on record, starting with an incredibly early bud break in January and quickly progressing through bloom. Gorgeous weather allowed for perfect ripening and flavor development. We were thrilled with the vibrant acids and fantastic quality of the fruit.

Vinification

Bouche d'Or, literally "mouth of gold", is an intriguing dessert wine produced from Chardonnay. Each year we designate and reserve two acres of our Estate Chardonnay vineyard for the Bouche d'Or. The main Chardonnay is harvested in September with the Bouche d'Or not arriving until December. With very little botrytis bloom this year, the period of concentration was extended, bringing the grapes to the alchemical end point that turns wine to gold.

Tasting Notes

The Bouche d'Or displays a lush nose of apricots, honeycomb and marzipan that greets the senses and opens to succulent stone fruit and white flower aromatics. While Bouche d'Or may be sweet, it is balanced with bright acidity and crispness. This wine can stand on its own as a dessert wine and also makes a great accompaniment to a cheese course. Hard, salty cheeses like Manchego and aged Gouda pair quite successfully. Less-sweet desserts like lemon meringue tart, grilled peaches or apple galette are also excellent choices. The lush vibrant palate is incredibly versatile and hypnotizing.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Block 30C, Chardonnay

Aging

2 months

Harvest Date

December 1, 2014

Bottling Date

January 27, 2015

Maturation

All stainless steel

PH

3.47

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6.57 g/L

Production

804 cases
(500ml, 6 packs)

RS

160 g/L

Alcohol

10%

Suggested Retail

\$40

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