

ANCIENT PEAKS

NEW RELEASE: 2015 Ancient Peaks inaugural broad-market Chardonnay

2015 | **CHARDONNAY**

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA | SANTA MARGARITA RANCH



CONCEPT:

Offer a Chardonnay that strikes a fine balance between a rich mouthfeel and bright acidity, which are both signatures of Margarita Vineyard.

R&D

Winemaking

- History of producing limited-production Chardonnays from Margarita Vineyard
- Fine tuning viticultural and vinification practices for the variety

Market Research

- 18 months of discussion with our distributor partners
- Tasted more than 100 Chardonnays
- Surveyed over 5,000 customers

FINAL PRODUCT:

- A varietally true Chardonnay with a singular sense of place
- All estate fruit from the Margarita Vineyard,
- A versatile, food-friendly Chardonnay
- The first addition to our core varietal portfolio in five years

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Chardonnay offers inviting aromas of pear, fig and lime zest with a hint of apple blossom. The palate begins on a creamy note, unfolding with bright flavors of nectarine, white peach, pineapple and lemon drop. Brisk mineral accents and fresh acidity converge on a buoyant, lively finish.

CUISINE PAIRING

The vibrant quality of the 2015 Chardonnay is a great match for fresh lobster, pan-seared scallops, shrimp pasta in white wine sauce, aged cheddar, and chicken with lemon butter.