

THE TERRACES

2013 Chenin Blanc

Clarksburg



Varietal: 89.3% Chenin Blanc
10.7% Riesling

Cases: 680

Alcohol: 13.1

Bottled: April 11, 2014

Released: June 1, 2014

Suggested Retail: \$20.00

Vineyard: McCormack Family Vineyard is located in the Clarksburg AVA. They have been farming 600 acres in the Delta region along the Sacramento River for five generations. Fog and cool breezes from San Francisco Bay keep the area quite cool, enabling production of high quality white grape varieties.

Vintage: A warm, dry spring brought early bud break. This weather helped with canopy vigor and berry size creating ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. Temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as the fruit went through veraison and started ripening. Grapes all reach ideal maturity with terrific fall weather.

Production: Hand picked and sorted prior to being removed from the stems and slightly crushed. The grapes initially go in one-ton insulated bins with plenty of dry ice, and spend between 20 and 30 hours on their skins to extract flavors. Very gently pressed in a one-ton basket press, the juice is left to settle. A combination of wild and domestic yeasts are used to maximize complexity and varietal characteristics. Fermented at cold temperatures in stainless tanks until almost dry, the wines are moved sur lee to mostly neutral French oak barrels. Stirred every two weeks until bottling, the wine develops richness that is balanced by the prevention of malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: Lemon-tinged in color, with aromas of nectarine, baked pear, orange blossom, and elderflower. Medium body palate with stone fruit characteristics of nectarine and apricot, with a kiss of passion fruit. Bright acid and surprising weight in the mouth this is a great alternative white wine.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wine of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.