

FIVE GENERATIONS



OF FAMILY FARMING

ROBERT YOUNG

E S T A T E W I N E R Y

Since 1858, five generations of the Young family have been farming their 350 acre estate in Alexander Valley. Today, the family known for its rich agricultural heritage and innovative farming methods embrace a new chapter with several highly regarded wines. All grapes are sustainably farmed, estate grown, and hand-picked. The juice is fermented and aged in artisan French oak barrels sourced from some of the most revered cooperages in the world. The wine is then bottled after spending a minimum of one year in our caves.

Robert Young was among the first to plant French clones of Chardonnay in America. A selection of those original French clones is named in his honor: Robert Young Clone #17, a spectacular and distinctive vine that you find put to excellent use in this Chardonnay.

2011 ALEXANDER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley, Sonoma

VARIETAL
100% Estate Grown,
Robert Young Clone 17 Chardonnay

COOPERAGE
14 months in 100% French Oak;
40% New

HARVEST DATES
September 9th - October 3rd

BOTTLED
February 21st & 22nd, 2013

FERMENTATION
100% Barrel Fermented

ALCOHOL
14.7%

PRODUCTION
1,541 cases



WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2011 Estate Alexander Valley Chardonnay is quite showy with incredible tropical aromas of pineapple, guava, Meyer lemon and green melon and soft touches of orange blossom and honey. The French oak imparts a subtle toastiness, like roasted almonds and creamy, nutmeg-spiced vanilla accompanying the bright fruit. The rich golden color of this wine sets the perfect expectations of its complex and concentrated flavors. It's perfectly balanced with a finish that lingers.

-Kevin Warren, Winemaker

REVIEWS

Nicely oaky, creamy and seductive, with ripe pear, smoky oak and toasty vanilla scents that gain depth, length and nuance, lingering on the finish.

2011 Vintage: 90 Points, WS July 2014

... deliciously drinkable. Shows the ripe tropical fruit and peach. Oak brings extra richness of buttered toast. Balanced with crisp acidity.

2010 Vintage: 90 Points, WE May 2013

... aromatic, perfumed, and floral. Displaying spicy apricot, fig, and honeydew melon notes that gain depth and persistence.

2009 Vintage: 91 Points, WS June 2012

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