

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.

2012 ALEXANDER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley, Sonoma

VARIETAL

100% Estate Grown,
Robert Young Clone 17 Chardonnay

AGING

14 months in 100% French Oak;
40% New

HARVEST DATES

September 24th - October 4th

BOTTLED

February 11th & 12th, 2014

FERMENTATION

100% Barrel Fermented

ALCOHOL

14.7%

PRODUCTION

1,386 cases



WINEMAKER NOTES

An exotic vacation in a glass, this wine has it all.

A fragrant nose of tropical guava, nectarine, lemon peel and vanilla orchid in perfect harmony. This is a full bodied but balanced chardonnay with well integrated oak imparting elegant toasted notes of meringue, hazelnut, and macadamia. The finish is lengthy and lingering. It is going to be really hard for me to top this wine. Drink now or cellar up to 5 years.

-Kevin Warren, Winemaker

PREVIOUS VINTAGE 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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