

FIVE GENERATIONS OF FAMILY FARMING



ROBERT YOUNG

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

Five generations of Youngs have been farming their family estate in Alexander Valley since 1858. 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 estate grown, hand picked, and gently juiced. All wines are made using French oak using barrels aged at least one year in our caves.

Robert Young was among the first to plant French clones of Chardonnay in America. A derivative of those original French clones are named in his honor: Robert Young Clone #17, a spectacular and distinctive Chardonnay 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% Malolactic

ALCOHOL
14.7%

PRODUCTION
1541 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. I recommend pairing it with... a glass.

-Kevin Warren, Winemaker

ALEXANDER VALLEY

Alexander Valley is an AVA defined by the Russian River benchlands to the east and the Mayacamas Mountains to the west. It is known for having hot summers with cool evenings and is protected from the marine conditions of the Pacific. Its rich history in viticulture stems back to the mid 19th century when Syrus Alexander arrived in 1847 and the Young family shortly after in 1858. To this day, Alexander Valley is known for growing premium grapes and producing fine wines.

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