

SIX GENERATIONS



OF FAMILY FARMING

# ROBERT YOUNG

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

Since 1858, six generations of the Young family have been farming their 450-acre estate in Alexander Valley. Today, the family known for its rich agricultural heritage and innovative farming methods embraces 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 is put to excellent use in this Chardonnay.

## 2013 ALEXANDER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

### TECHNICAL DATA

#### APPELLATION

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

#### VARIETAL

100% Estate Grown,  
Robert Young Clone #17 Chardonnay

#### AGING

14 months in 100% French Oak;  
40% New

#### HARVEST DATES

September 10th - 19th

#### BOTTLED

January 13th, 2015

#### FERMENTATION

100% Barrel Fermented

#### ALCOHOL

14.7%

#### PRODUCTION

1,167 cases



### WINEMAKER NOTES

Multi-dimensional sums up this vintage. The aroma begins with vanilla and Marcona almonds, then segues to ripe papaya with a hint of hazelnut. Well-balanced and full-bodied, the rich flavors include melon and spiced ginger with tropical guava; ending with a lingering finish reminiscent of Meyer lemon cheesecake. The French oak adds a subtle toast characteristic that is synonymous with our signature Chardonnay. Drink now or cellar up to 7 years.

-Kevin Warren, Winemaker

### PREVIOUS VINTAGE REVIEWS

*...great acid and beautiful depth and richness. Delicious as it is now, these wines have merited a well-earned reputation for aging a decade or longer.*

**2013 Vintage: 93 Points, WA March 2016**

*A bold, rich, expressive style that delivers intense pear, fig, honeysuckle and creamy, jazzy oak in a full-bodied, graceful style...*

**2012 Vintage: 92 Points, WS March 2015**

*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**

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