

## 2015 CHARDONNAY ANDERSON VALLEY

VINEYARD: Estate Grown

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

COOPERAGE: 25% new and 75% neutral French oak

FOOD AFFINITIES: Dungeness Crab with Meyer lemon, Black Cod with country

ham, Foie Gras and quince

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"The hue is a pale and refined straw green. The nose shows fine-drawn expression of perfectly ripe pit fruit, floral, citrus and lightly spiced aromas. On the palate, we taste a balance of grass and minerality. The freshness is always present in a focused package. Terrific length and definition."

- Stéphane Vivier

## **GROWING SEASON:**

An early bud break, one of the longest flowering periods in years, and a long growing season produced a vintage that shines in quality. Spring started fast and the early bloom was followed by cooler temperatures, wind and rains which slowed development and reduced yields. The result was a small crop of well-concentrated fruit that ripened fully and slowly before an early harvest in August.

## LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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