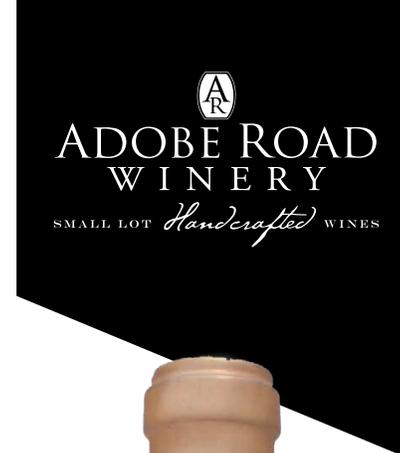


2015

CHARDONNAY

CARNEROS

SANGIACOMO VINEYARDS - SOUTH SONOMA BLOCK



TASTING NOTES

"The 2015 Chardonnay Sangiacomo Vineyard reveals delicate scents of fresh grapefruit, white peaches and apples with a waft of baker's yeast. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is laced with elegant stone fruit and savory toast and almond flavors, with a creamy texture and lively acid frame, finishing long. Quite closed at this youthful stage, I've been conservative with my judgement, but expect this will offer even more with another year or two in bottle. Drink Now to 2020." - 90+ points, Robert Parker

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes were hand picked whole cluster at 4 a.m. and promptly delivered to the winery and then whole cluster pressed to release the juice. Primary fermentation took place in neutral French oak barrels. During aging, 20 percent new oak was swapped into the mix, adding richness and complexity. The wine was aged on light lees and stirred periodically for increased volume and a brioche-nutty quality.

The South Sonoma Chardonnay is always a joy to make. Coming from a scrappy-looking organic vineyard in the south of Sonoma proper, the surprise is in the nuance and richness of detail in this wine. Preserving and showcasing that detail is the challenge and reward of the vineyard and this bottling.

THE VINTAGE

2015 was a challenging vintage in both Sonoma and Napa; cool weather and less than ideal flowering conditions led to fruit set that left most vineyards lacking about 20-30% of normal production volumes. In the most affected vineyards this diminished fruit set was complicated by the fact that it was also drawn out, meaning that fruit achieved ripeness at different times within the same block. For the 2015 South Sonoma block, this became an advantage as we were able to pick at optimal ripeness while maintaining fresh acidity.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

APELLATION

Sonoma Coast (Petaluma Gap)

VINEYARD(S)

Sangiacomo Vineyard, South Block

BARREL COMPOSITION

100% French oak % neutral (primary),
20% new

BARREL AGING

50% malolactic fermentation, lees aged
10 months, then bottled.

ALCOHOL

14%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

204

ACCOLADES

92+ points, Robert Parker

