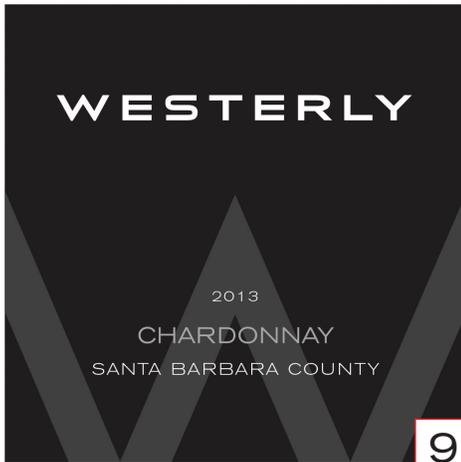


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2013 WESTERLY CHARDONNAY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



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POINTS*

COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

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WINEMAKING NOTES

The two vineyards that went into the 2013 Westerly Chardonnay are planted on opposite sides of Route 246, which bisects the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. One of these vineyards is just outside the AVA line (by approximately 50 yards). Harvested by hand in early September. Whole cluster pressed directly into a combination of small, egg-shaped, concrete tanks and French oak barrels (50% of which were new). Cold fermented at 55°, lees stirring was used during the first two weeks of primary fermentation, and the wine was aged on it's lees for the first year of it's life. Half of the barrels were allowed to go through malolactic fermentation. The clean wine was racked and blended in early 2014 and then bottled in July 2014.

TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits many of the classic characteristics of Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay- the palate is defined by precise minerality and bright acidity, with flavors of dried pears and citrus zest. Length is a feature of this wine the palate is long and complex with a lovely clean citrus finish which lingers for quite a while. Drink now through 2019.

* 94 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*