



## 2012 WESTERLY CHARDONNAY

**AVA:** SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**COMPOSITION:** 100% CHARDONNAY

**RELEASE DATE:** MARCH 2014

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2012 Westerly Chardonnay displays a great balance between lively acids and ripe stone fruit notes on the palate. Aromatically very expressive, this wine shows great varietal typicity on the nose and in its flavor profile. The 2012 Westerly Chardonnay is very subtly nuanced with spice and toast, the mouth feel is bright and lifted, while the finish is clean. Drinks beautifully now and will continue to develop through 2017.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The 2012 Westerly Chardonnay was harvested by hand in early September. Whole cluster pressed and settled overnight in a stainless steel tank, the wine was then filled into 2-5 year old French oak barrels where the juice was allowed to spontaneously ferment with the native yeasts at 55 degrees. Lees stirring was used during the first two weeks of primary fermentation, and the wine was aged on its lees for the first year of its life. Half of the barrels were allowed to go through malolactic fermentation. The clean wine was racked and blended in early 2013 and then bottled in July 2013.