



mannequin

2014 Chardonnay
California

The intended purpose of a mannequin is to serve as a stylized representation of the human form to showcase clothes; or in this case, wine. Clothing much like wine evolves over time to reflect trends, nature, and creative whims, yet the mannequin must remain staid. Originally conceived as a white blend, the wine gradually developed into a varietal dominant cuvee of Chardonnay from two distinguished appellations: Carneros (Napa County) and the Sonoma Valley. Determined to source fruit from arguably the best growing regions, we sought out particularly cool climate vineyards to provide lush flavors with bright acidity.

Winemaker's Notes

A luminous pale-straw complexion envelops the glass. In harmony, the wine offers pleasing aromatics of jasmine, Granny Smith apple, orange blossom, poached pear, honey-lemon, and roasted marshmallow. The entry is assertive with bright acidity that quickly softens to a largess of flavors including crème brûlée, white peach, tangerine oil, honey-suckle, and roasted marshmallow. An engaging mineral note is present throughout the tasting juxtaposed with the right amount of supple texture to provide balance. The finish is lively and radiant with a stony tinge reflecting the provenance.

Blend

Chardonnay – 79%
Viognier – 8%
Grenache Blanc – 5%
Marsanne – 5%
Muscat – 2%
Roussanne – 1%

Maturation

Aged in 40% new French oak sur lie for 9 months

Alc/Vol

15.5%

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