CANON 13

2015
CHARDONNAY
Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County

Ringing out, as it has for centuries, the mission bell beckons across the hillsides calling out to the devoted. Here, where lush hillsides meet the Pacific Ocean, we pursue a singular canon – to make great wine. Canon 13 wines are the answer to the mission bell and our vines are protected by the ingress of maritime fog that keeps the temperatures just warm enough to perfectly ripen our fruit.

Varietal: Chardonnay
Region: Santa Lucia Highlands
Vintage: 2015

Alcohol: 14.5%
Total acidity: 5.6 g/l
pH: 3.42

TASTING NOTES

The Canon 13 Chardonnay expresses aromas of honeydew and tropical melons with lively citrus notes and fresh chive and thyme. Bright yellow grapefruit enters the palate leading to a light, mineral finish.

VINTAGE

- The 2015 vintage started with a warm, moderate winter, which segued into a prolonged cold spell, just as the vines were beginning to bloom. This interrupted flowering and berry set produced "hens and chicks," or variable sized berries prone to accelerated ripening.

- A warm summer season led to the earliest harvest in recent memory. Fruit quality was good with noticeable intensity and richness, but a small crop that was 30% of normal.

- The vineyard sits in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands, overlooking the Salinas River. Well drained alluvial soils limit vine growth.

- Regular afternoon maritime breezes, coupled with occasional morning fog, keep temperatures low and promote slow ripening and full phenolic development.

WINEMAKING

- The fruit was whole-cluster pressed and fermented in a cool environment.

- Ten percent of the wine aged in small, used French oak barrels, for richness and fuller texture.

- The balance of the wine aged in stainless steel tanks, on light lees to preserve fruit character and freshness.

ENJOY WITH

Dungeness crab cakes with mango salsa
Wood-roasted sweet corn with queso fresco
Asian chicken citrus salad

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