



TINHORN CREEK

NATURALLY SOUTH OKANAGAN

2014 Chardonnay

GRAPE VARIETIES
100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATE: 27 September - 17 October

BOTTLING DATE: July 2015

REGION Okanagan Valley

VINEYARD
Diamondback Vineyard (Black Sage Bench)
Aspect: South - West
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sand
Vine Age: 18 years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Andrew Windsor
Viticulturist: Andrew Moon
Brix at Harvest: 23.3 -24.8
Alcohol: 14%
Residual Sugar: 3.5 g/L
PH: 3.7
TA: 5.7

VINEYARD
Tinhorn Creek
(Golden Mile Bench)
Aspect: East
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sandy gravel
Vine Age: 4 years

VINTAGE 2014

A great Chardonnay vintage, with a typically hot dry Okanagan growing season, ending with a beautifully cool October. An extra long “hang-time” gave our Chardonnay beautiful tropical fruit, luxurious weight, and power. We retain natural acidity giving us unparalleled freshness and vibrancy. This wine is predominantly fruit from our Diamondback Vineyard from the Black Sage Bench where we have two separate blocks. We staggered the picks by a full two and a half weeks to give us a broad range of flavours to work with.

VINIFICATION

The Chardonnay program in 2014 was converted to 100% native yeast fermentation, with 50% being barrel fermented in new French and American (75:25) oak barrels and the remainder in stainless steel barrels. The wines fermented over 4 months with 100% native malo-lactic fermentation also taking place at this time. They were then further aged in oak (20% new) for another 5 months with regular lees stirring before blending, and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep golden colour gives you a hint about the intensity of what's next. Nose is a waxy, honey comb, with vanilla, pineapple, brioche and citrus. The palate is broad and full, with preserved lemon, tropical fruit, and biscotti like notes, with subtle minerality and hint of coconut rounding out the finish.

Cases made: 1900

Cellaring potential: 3-5 years



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