

# 2015 CHARDONNAY CUVÉE LOS GATOS



Monterey County



## 2015 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Monterey County

**Soil:** Rocky, well draining,  
loam soils

**Elevation:** Various

**Exposure:** Various

**Vineyard:** Fogstone, Sierra Madre,  
and Lone Oak Vineyards

**Planted:** Various

**First TRW Vintage:** Various

**Alcohol:** 14.4%

**Acidity:** 6.39 g/L - 3.43 pH

**Cooperage:** 100% French Oak,  
13% New Oak

**Aging:** 14 months

**Harvested:** September 2015

**Produced:** 14 barrels

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium yellow color. Nice aromas of tangerine, tamarind orange, honey, peach, apricot, banana, and vanilla bean unite in this multi-vineyard blend. Upon taste, the aroma profile continues seamlessly, while gaining richness in texture. This wine finishes with a smooth, fresh, hedonistic profile, while there is some underlying minerality that begins to show. Enjoy now through 2024.

~Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking

### COUNTY

For Testarossa's Cuvée Los Gatos releases, Rob and Diana Jensen and Director of Winemaking Bill Brosseau hand-select and combine vineyard lots from highly regarded growing districts. For this bottling, the grapes were sourced from the Santa Lucia Highlands in the Salinas Valley in Monterey County. In particular, a majority of the fruit came from vineyards in the northern end of this famous appellation - one of the country's best-known regions for world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Highlands close proximity to Monterey Bay makes for a very cool climate, with one of California's longest growing seasons. The resulting slow, gentle ripening allows for full flavor development on the vine.

### ACCOLADES

2015 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay  
*Not Yet Reviewed*

2014 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay  
**89 Points** *International Wine Report*

2013 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay  
**89 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*

2012 Cuvée Los Gatos Chardonnay  
**92 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*

### WINERY

*Testarossa (Italian for "red head") was the nickname given Rob Jensen as a young university student in Italy. Rob and Diana Jensen started Testarossa in their garage in 1993 with just twenty-five cases of wine. Today, the label has grown to national prominence among collectors by cultivating long-term partnerships with passionate winegrowers and vineyards.*



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