



### THE STORY

Planted in 1975, the Whitney's Vineyard (so named after Fred and Juelle Fisher's first daughter) is located on a gravelly hillside with a gently sloping southwestern exposure. The Vineyard is planted to Old Wente clone Chardonnay and produces less than one ton per acre. Today, these vines produce small berries that express their mountain heritage with mineral undertones and uniquely concentrated fruit flavors.

### THE WINE

- 100% Chardonnay
- Harvested September 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fermented, then aged 18 months in French Oak barrels (60% new)
- No sulfite additions at harvest or during aging
- Lees stirred twice monthly for 15 months
- Alcohol by volume 14.5%
- Bottled March 2016
- 233 cases produced

**REVIEWS** Also impressive is the 2014 Chardonnay Whitney's Vineyard which has plenty of honeysuckle, unbuttered popcorn, baked apple skins, white peach and poached pears. It is medium to full-bodied, round and juicy with good acidity and a lush, heady finish. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

- 94 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*

A rich, powerful wine, the 2014 Chardonnay Whitney's Vineyard shows the personality of the Wente clone on these hillside vineyards. Dried pear, hazelnut, chamomile, butter and dried flowers give the 2014 much of its creamy, layered personality. Oily, voluptuous and racy to the core, the 2014 boasts superb depth and overall intensity. This is a highly expressive Chardonnay built on power and structure.

- 93 points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous Media*