



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

## 2014 Sonoma County Nancie Chardonnay

2014 Nancie Chardonnay exudes the depth and vibrancy that we have loved about this wine since we first began to produce it, six years ago. Nancie has evolved to include select vineyard blocks that demonstrate our favorite Sonoma County Chardonnay characteristics. The same vineyards have provided the core of the wine for several years now, and we have used this time to understand how each vineyard ripens and should be handled in the cellar. As winemakers, we are wedded to the notion that we are always students first and we will always continue to experiment with new sites each year, as we strive to produce increasingly excellent wines with each passing vintage.

Our hope for Nancie is that it highlight key characteristics that we love in Chardonnay: elegance, stone fruits, citrus zest, white flowers, freshness and minerality with fullness and richness on the palate. Catch the 2014 Nancie's scent, and you'd expect to trail down a \$200-\$300 white Burgundy. The nose makes you salivate with wildflowers and orchard trees in full bloom, struck flint and gently smoking matches, refreshing petrichor, and sauteed butter. 2014 was a drought year so this Nancie finishes richer than others, but there is an undeniably great balance and acidity tied to the flavor personality.

### *Vineyard Notes:*

#### **Location**

This Chardonnay is made from several Sonoma County vineyards. Two are perched on Sonoma Mountain and influenced by cool ocean breezes, rocky soils, and high elevation. The third is a Russian River Valley property bearing 30+ year old vines that grow a wine both rich and mineral in texture. Together, these properties showcase an enticing ensemble of slow-ripening vineyards in California sunshine.

### *Cellar Notes:*

#### **Percentage New Oak**

20%

#### **Composition**

100% Chardonnay

#### **Barrel Aging**

10 months

#### **Alcohol**

14.0%

#### **Bottling Date**

August 22, 2015

#### **Production**

1947 cases

~ Aged in neutral oak, new oak, stainless-steel, & concrete ·  
Native Ferment/Native ML

