

# TERRA SÁVIA

## 2016 CHARDONNAY



GOLD MEDAL 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

#### **VINEYARDS**

Place of Production: 100% estate grown in our Sanel Valley

Vineyards, Hopland

Soil: Gravely, benchland loamy soils

**Mesoclimate:** Dry, warm summers with mild rainy winters Southern Mendocino enjoys a similar climate to nearby Dry Creek

Valley in Sonoma County.

Altitude: 500-600 feet above sea level

**Aspect Variable:** Vineyard on western benchlands of a small coastal valley. This setting provides early morning sunlight. The

mountain range provides partial shady and cool breezes during the afternoon sun and heat. **Growing System:** Cordon trained, spur pruned

Vine Density: 800 vines/acre Age of vineyards: Over 30 years

#### VINIFICATION

Grape Variety: 100% Organic Chardonnay

**Harvest:** Began hand harvesting at daybreak to preserve natural cool nighttime temperature of the fruit  $(50^{\circ}-55^{\circ}F)$ . Picked in small 1/2 ton bins then grapes taken directly to press.

**Grape Yield:** 2.5 tons/acre

 ${\bf Fermentation:}$  Whole clusters directly put into press. Cold juice

settled. Stainless steel fermented at 55° for one month.

**Aging:** Aged sur lie for one month after fermentation then bottled.

**Alcohol:** 13.90%

Case Production: 2000

### TASTING NOTES

Color: Golden straw

**Aroma:** Crisp lemon and lime zest, white blossoms.

**Tasting Profile:** Lively and bright, with flavors of lemon zest, white peach and ripe yellow apple with a hint of pineapple.