

Hearst Ranch Winery Chardonnay Glacier Ridge

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Monterey County

APPELLATION: Monterey County

CEPAGE: 100% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING: Low yields, early harvest with neutral oak and stainless steel aging methods

AGING: 6 months in 10% twice-used French Oak

THE STORY

Jim Saunders dream of owning and farming his own vineyard became a reality with the acquisition of the ranch in 1992 with his wife, Debi. Soil testing and site evaluation began within a year. The arbuckle clay loam and sandy soils of these South and West facing hills were discovered to be ideal for farming wine grapes. The meso-climate of Eastern Paso Robles combined with the diversity in soil types and elevations made a perfect site to grow Bordeaux, Rhone and Spanish varietals - initial planting starting in 1993. In 2010 Steve Hearst and Jim Saunders began their business and personal relationship. As the saying goes, "a meeting of the minds" developed into this project – Hearst Ranch Winery.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Harmonious & restrained

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Freshly cut grass, wet limestone, hints of lightly toasted bread, tropical fruit

MOUTHFEEL: Creamy (not buttery) texture

THE SELLING POINTS

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Sustainable

PAIRINGS: Pineapple guava ice cream, Burre blanc sauce

