

Bodkin Wines † SPRING 2015 TASTING NOTES

2014 “The Fearless” Chardonnay

Sinclair Ranch – Dry Creek

If you like acidity, minerality, and fruit expression at low Alcohol, this wine is for you...If you were looking for slightly sweet, oaky-oaky, buttery cougar juice, you will be disappointed.

We really branched out with this one. Chardonnay: I never wanted to make one. However, when have a crew already picking Sauvignon Blanc and the grower lets you know that he has some Chard that went unpicked the night before and offers you a deal you cannot refuse, then sometimes, well – shit, Chardonnay gets made...What originally was destined to be part of the Victor’s Spoils blend took on a life of its own, in barrel and grew into its own animal. With a crisp acidity and flavor profile of a melon medley with lemon-lime this aromatic take on Chardonnay is what you would expect from us at Bodkin Wines. This wine was fermented in French oak barrels (30% new) and allowed to age on the lees afterwards. Malolactic fermentation was not discouraged but it didn’t happen nonetheless largely due to the wine’s high level of acid. During the Sur-lie aging the barrels were not stirred either because that’s just not what we are about around here. Filtration? No way. We are letting this wine rock out naturally and let you know that right on the front label. Bottled without Filtration. While on the topic of things we didn’t do, cold stabilize another. So if it’s a touch cloudy or see crystals floating in it after it’s been in the fridge for a day or two that’s just cream of tartar (seriously, no joke it’s made from grapes) – It’s safe to

drink, and the way nature intended... Don't be scared, Be FEARLESS.

Nerd Note: This Chardonnay was named in honor of Jean II Duke of Burgundy aka John the Fearless. Not only is Chardonnay the most celebrated white grape variety in Burgundy, its most notable ruler was a supreme bad ass, basically the Royal Honey Badger of 15th Century France. In 1407 John The Fearless kidnaped his nephew, who just so happened to be Crown Prince of France. 3 weeks after the kidnapping arranged the roadside murder of his cousin and brother to the King, the Duke of Orleans after which he announced to all that he ordered the hit. In 1415 he sided with France's nemesis England and stood by idly as the English invaded. In 1418 he took it upon himself to capture the city of Paris and de-throne his nephew the King. His audacity came to an end in 1419 when he was killed by men loyal to the King of France during a supposed peace talk. All in all, John the Fearless was just that, a man willing to do anything, no matter how controversial, to accomplish his goals. Needless to say, it was a lot of fun to make this wine outside the confines of traditional Chardonnay winemaking practices without fear and need of conformity.

Blend	Alcohol - Malo	Oak
100% Chardonnay	13.4% - No Malo	100% French 30%New