

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2014 CHENIN BLANC

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, PINE RIDGE HAS PRODUCED A WHITE WINE BLEND CONTAINING CHENIN BLANC - A CRISP WHITE VARIETAL THAT ORIGINATED IN FRANCE'S LOIRE VALLEY. IN CELEBRATION OF THIS ANNIVERSARY, OUR WINEMAKING TEAM HAS CREATED A VERY LIMITED-PRODUCTION LOT TO SHOWCASE THIS UNIQUE AND ELEGANT VARIETAL, GROWN IN THE CLARKSBURG AVA, HOME TO CALIFORNIA'S PREMIER CHENIN BLANC GRAPES.



VINEYARDS Cool Delta breezes and warm summer days in Clarksburg contribute to a long, dry growing season with a slow and even rate of fruit maturity, leading to an optimal balance of sugar and acid and outstanding intensity of fruit flavors.

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING 2014 began with an extremely dry winter in Clarksburg with unusually warm temperatures and minimal rain, extending into the summer with very few heat spikes, allowing even ripening and yielding exquisite, balanced fruit. Our Chenin Blanc was harvested in late August at low sugar levels to ensure a bright fruit character and low alcohol in the finished wine. The wine was fermented in 33% new French oak barrels, aged for ten months and stirred occasionally to promote complexity.

TASTING NOTES Our 2014 Chenin Blanc offers enticing aromas of honeysuckle, Key lime juice and sweet pea, interlaced with subtle notes of hazelnut and fresh honeydew melon. The wine exhibits a rounded mouthfeel with bright acidity, opening with refreshing flavors of ripe white nectarine and sweet candied lime, leading into hints of spun sugar and citrus blossom that linger through the clean, lasting finish.

PAIRING Vibrant and bright, this supple Chenin Blanc would pair wonderfully with a variety of dishes, such as pork and long bean stir fry or salmon and leek croquettes. This versatile wine would also delight alongside spicy dishes and would make an excellent partner to a cheese course when matched with Bijou, a semi-soft goat's milk cheese from Vermont.

VARIETAL:	100% CHENIN BLANC
RELEASE DATE:	MARCH 2016
AGING POTENTIAL:	3 TO 5 YEARS
APPELLATION:	CLARKSBURG, CALIFORNIA
SRP:	\$32
ALCOHOL:	12.5%