

FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. I designed a new label reminiscent of this old bottle and created the Diamond Collection Black Label Claret, which is our company's most recognized offering. Today, Diamond Collection includes 13 varietals, each identified with a brightly colored label. The quality and authenticity of Diamond Collection is extremely important because we are a family company and our name is on the label. As such, you can trust that we'll always give you the very best."

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2014 DIAMOND PAVILION

For the last couple of years our Diamond Collection Pavilion has been a 100% Chardonnay rather than a blend like in some years past. This year, we again opted to create a pure Chardonnay, as vintage conditions presented us with extraordinary fruit selections. Pavilion still stands apart from Diamond Collection Gold Label Chardonnay because it's sourced from a different appellation and treated to a unique oak regimen that uses a variety of toast profiles. Sourced in the Santa Lucia Highlands, a high-elevation sub-appellation of Monterey County, this Chardonnay has distinct mineral notes that are the signature of this region.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2014 saw one of the earliest harvests in recent years. Winter was drier than normal, but we received more rain than in 2013. Because temperatures were mild, we experienced early budbreak, which was followed by a warm spring and summer that remained consistent and never got excessively hot. Our fruit achieved excellent concentration because these conditions. We began picking white grapes in August, even earlier than the year before, and were delighted with how aromatic and expressive the fruit was. This year's wine is very well balanced, with a lush palate, creamy finish, and warm notes of wood.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Yellow gold
Aromas Melon, guava, nutmeg, caramel
Flavors Peaches, apples, citrus, minerals



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	Santa Lucia Highlands
<i>Blend</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.5%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.60g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.42
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	9 months French oak
<i>Released</i>	September 2015