

LAYER CAKE

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CHARDONNAY

CENTRAL COAST- CALIFORNIA | VINTAGE 2016

Winemaker Notes

Our winemaking approach for Layer Cake Chardonnay is one of minimal-intervention, allowing the fruit and place to speak for itself. Gentle harvest and aging techniques allow us to bring the fruit to its fullest potential. We let the grapes develop fully for concentrated layers of fruit, heady, evocative aromatics and perfect balance of flavor. We ferment in stainless steel at low temperatures to preserve the intense, complex aromatics, and then age selected lots in 3-year old, air-dried French oak to accentuate and balance the wine.

Vineyard Notes

Our Monterey vineyards border the Santa Lucia Highlands. Shallow, granite-laced soils lend mineral characteristics and beautiful aromas of citrus blossom. Cooling winds flow in from Monterey Bay each afternoon and preserve the crisp acidity and delicate aromatics of the Chardonnay clusters. Our Santa Barbara vineyards are in the steep hills surrounding Los Alamos, in a canyon that leads directly to the Pacific Ocean. Sandy soils, bright sunshine and cool ocean breezes combine to lengthen ripening and extend hang time, resulting in the unusual combination of tropical fruit characteristics and great structure.

Tasting Notes

The nose is reminiscent of preserved Meyer lemons, wet stones and a hint of lime blossoms. The rich body and texture builds as it envelops your mouth, while layers of Kaffir lime, guava, and pineapple tantalize; followed by light, creamy texture of whipped lemon curd. The lingering finish is clean and crisp, preparing your palate for more.

Wine Info

- 100% Chardonnay
- 100% Central Coast appellation
- Stainless steel fermentation
- Select lots aged in 3-year-old, air-dried French oak
- 14.5% Alcohol

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PINOT NOIR

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Winemaker Notes

With our Layer Cake Pinot Noir, we've achieved that goal and more. Fermented gently at cool temperatures to preserve aromatics, the wine was gently pressed and aged in French oak; of which 30% is new. The result is a rich, delicious wine that screams Pinot Noir and fits right into the Layer Cake Wines line up.

Vineyard Notes

Our Monterey vineyards at Arroyo Loma and Alta Loma border the Santa Lucia Highlands. Shallow granitic soils lend mineral characteristics and high-toned aromatics to the wine. Warm morning sun, followed by cooling winds from Monterey Bay each afternoon, allows us to achieve full, rich flavors in the grapes while maintaining good acidity so crucial to Pinot Noir. Our Santa Barbara vineyards are in the steep hills surrounding Los Alamos in a canyon that leads directly to the Pacific Ocean. Sandy soils, bright sunshine and very cool ocean breezes combine to lengthen ripening and extend hang time, resulting in intense aromatics and great acid.

Tasting Notes

Expressive notes of raspberry, pomegranate, and cranberry, are supported by dried tea leaf and tobacco on the nose. The palate is layered texturally and has rich, pronounced blackberries and ripe plum. Soft, fine-grained tannins and smoky, dark chocolate linger through the finish.

Wine Info

- 100% Pinot Noir
- 14.9% Alcohol
- 100% French oak, 40% new

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ROSÉ

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Winemaker Notes

To make Layer Cake Rosé, we select grapes from our California vineyards at a high acidity level to get the crispness and touch of fruit we're looking for. The grapes are left to rest for just long enough for the juice to take on color. When it reaches the perfect hue, we apply cool, gentle fermentation in stainless steel tanks that allow us to get the delicate flavors from the vineyard to the bottle without losing complexity.

Vineyard Notes

Our Monterey vineyards at Arroyo Loma and Alta Loma border the Santa Lucia Highlands. Shallow granitic soil allows us to achieve delicate flavors in the grapes while maintaining bright acidity—so crucial to Rosé. Our Santa Barbara vineyards are in the steep hills surrounding Los Alamos in a canyon that leads directly to the Pacific Ocean. Sandy soils, bright sunshine and crisp ocean breezes combine to lengthen ripening and extend hang time, resulting in sophisticated aromatics and vibrant acidity.

Tasting Notes

Layer Cake Rosé is perfectly pale pink and reminiscent of rose gold liquefied in the glass. Aromas of passion fruit, pink grapefruit and dried rose petals mingle with the slightest hint of dark chocolate and cranberry. On the palate, tropical flavors of guava and crushed loquat harmonize with field-ripened strawberries, picked fresh for the farmers market. The vibrant acidity is layered with pink grapefruit zest, rhubarb and pineapple that culminates in a bone dry, refreshing finish.

Wine Facts

- 68% Pinot Noir, 32% Syrah
- 100% California Appellation
- 100% Stainless Steel Fermentation
- Alcohol 13.2%

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SHIRAZ

SOUTH AUSTRALIA | VINTAGE 2015

Winemaker Notes

An eye for detail and relentless pursuit of perfection coupled with an insatiable desire to produce the finest wine is winemaker Jayson Woodbridge's gift. Non-interventionist winemaking practices are used:

- Gentle treatment of the fruit
- No acidification, no American oak
- A gentle touch of new French oak

Vineyard Notes

South Australia is arguably one of the top Shiraz-growing regions of the world. Within SA, the McLaren Vale and the Barossa are the most diverse and historic subregions, with vines dating back to the 1830s. The microclimates within these areas are what give Layer Cake Shiraz its complexity. For our Shiraz, we pull from vineyards in McLaren Vale and the Barossa Valley—from the sandy-soiled blocks on the sea coast of Gulf St. Vincent to the Terra Rosa-based, tiny-berried, wind-blown rolling hills in the Barossa Zone. The microclimates give us a broad array of flavors to blend into a complex, rich, full wine.

Climate

The McLaren Vale is bordered on one side by water and the other by an ancient mountain range—Gulf St. Vincent and the Adelaide Hills, in this case. The Vale is moderated in temperature by the sea, as the warm air gets trapped in pockets of the undulating hills. These blocks have deeper soils and produce wines with big, mouth-filling fruit. The Barossa has shallow red soils with limestone underneath and is directly in the path of the brutal heat and dust storms that emanate from the Great Australian Outback. The vines struggle to survive, producing tiny berries with thick skins and wines with big structure and intensity.

Tasting Notes

The aromas of cocoa, warm spice and dark fruit are very powerful from the first whiff. In the mouth, the wine is layered with rich blackberry, dark cherries and hints of dark, creamy chocolate ganache. The finish lingers on, hanging on your palette while the fruit and spice flavors slowly change and fade.

Wine Info

- 100% Pure Shiraz
- 14.9% Alcohol
- 100% French oak, 40% new

