



2014 N°81

Chardonnay

Alluring • Ephemeral • Insatiable



Grape Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Region: Sonoma Coast – Searby Vineyard, Cornerstone Vineyard and Gaps Crown Vineyard

Winemaking Notes:

- Aged in 100% French oak - 15% new barrels – aged for 10 months
- 305 cases produced
- 14.5% ABV

Tasting Notes: The cool-climate vineyards sitting just north of the Petaluma Gap tend toward a longer growing season, and later harvest for this Chardonnay. Presenting as a pale straw yellow-green in the glass, common with cooler climate Chardonnay, this wine is young and bright. The aromatics open up with a pear-lime quality, that transitions to notes of river stone, marzipan and citrus crème brulee, highlighted by vanilla bean and mango in the glass. On the palate, the wine is broad and mouth coating, with balanced acidity and a crisp citrus finish.

What The Number 81 Signifies: N°81 refers to the excitement Jean-Charles felt in 1981 when he came to California from Burgundy for the first time. From that trip, he was inspired to make an elegant Chardonnay evocative of the white Burgundies he had grown up with yet undeniably of California provenance.

For Jean-Charles Boisset, the lemony/tropical aromas of this Chardonnay are especially **ALLURING**, calling the taster back over and over again. The plush, crème-brûlée-like texture is rich, yet the wine has an elegance that makes it quite **EPHEMERAL**. Finally, the long, ripe finish is delicious. It makes you insanely **INSATIABLE!**