

# DRY CHENIN BLANC

FIRST YEAR PRODUCED APPE

CLARKSBURG

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#### CHENIN BLANC: THE PERFECT PAIRING

When David S. Stare started Dry Creek Vineyard in 1972, his desire was to craft wines that reflected his passion for the Loire Valley in France. A lover of fine Vouvray, Dave's first vintage in 1972 included a dry style of Chenin Blanc. More than 40 years later, we continue to honor the history and tradition of this incredible white wine. Our Chenin Blanc forms the perfect pairing with fresh oysters having been a 10-time winner at the Pacific Coast Oyster Competition. This most perfect of marriages consists of a freshly shucked Kumamoto oyster, without sauces or other accountrements, alongside our crisp and delicious Dry Chenin Blanc. Often described as high on "the bliss factor", it's a match made in heaven.

FLAVOR PROFILE
TROPICAL FRUIT, FRESH CITRUS, MINERALS

OUR DRY CHENIN BLANC is our most versatile food pairing wine. From fresh shellfish to more hearty fare, the round tropical fruit notes and superb acidity make the wine sublime for almost any occasion. Year round, a cold bottle of Chenin Blanc makes the perfect apéritif. A key factor in crafting this wine is the use of stainless steel fermentation. A long, cold soak just after harvest keeps the grapes fresh and vibrant. Our goal is to preserve the integrity of the grape - we like to say that the wine should taste almost like biting into a perfectly ripe Chenin Blanc grape.

# WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING OUTSTANDING ACCOLADES

Mary Ewing-Mulligan, MW (Master of Wine)	90 Points - "This wine might very well represent the greatest value of any California white wine. Its quality is unimpeachable and its pleasure quotient is off the charts, especially in summertime."  "For years, one of the standard-bearers of the grape from California; big on stone fruit aromas and flavors, refreshingly crisp at the finish, but soft and juicy while it's going down."	
Chicago Tribune		
Sunset	"Bright Whites - The Best Bottles" Refreshingly dry with pretty quince, melon, stone fruit and minerals around a lemon drop core.	
Wine Spectator	"As a longtime fan of this wine, <b>I can say that this is one of the winery's best so far.</b> It's crisp yet supple, with lively citrus and melon notes. Perfect with grilled lemon chicken." — Tim Fish	
WINEENTHUSIAST. MAGAZINE TOP 100 BEST BUYS 2014	89 Points - "This insanely sippable wine is ready for spring oyster gatherings or gulping down on its own. Low in alcohol, it's crisp, deliciously light and yet mouth-filling in tropical fruit and peach.  Another masterful Chenin from Dry Creek Vineyard." — V.B.	
Pacific Coast Oyster Wine Competition	10-Time Winner - Since the founding of the Pacific Coast Oyster Competition in 1995, our Dry Chenin Blanc has won a record 10 awards, finishing in the Top 10 almost every year.	



# WINEMAKING NOTES 2014 DRY CHENIN BLANC

FERMENTATION 100% STAINLESS STEEL			VARIETAL 100% CHENIN BLANC	
ALCOHOL 13%	<sub>Рн</sub> 3.65	.65	HARVEST DATES AUGUST 25-26, 2014	



WE RECEIVE SUPERIOR CHENIN BLANC fruit from the Wilson Ranch in the Clarksburg appellation allowing us to produce an expressive, nuanced and delicious wine. At first swirl, aromatics of white peach, cantaloupe, melon and lavender spring forward from the glass. On the palate, the wine is refreshing with great acidity and mouthfeel, feeling light on its feet and dancing across the palate with juicy tropical fruit notes and minerally undertones.

# THE FIRST NEW WINERY AFTER PROHIBITION DRY CREEK VINEYARD

 DAVID S. STARE	ESTATE VINEYARD ACRES 185 SUSTAINABLY FARMED

FOUNDED IN 1972 by David S. Stare, Dry Creek Vineyard was the first new winery in the Dry Creek Valley following Prohibition. Dave's vision to start a winery modeled after a Loire Valley chateau reintroduced the world to the wines of northern Sonoma County. Today, his daughter Kim Stare Wallace continues to build on these established traditions while innovating for the future. The second generation's passion for quality continues to drive the winery's decision making at every level. Embodying a "no compromises" philosophy, the stewardship and future of Dry Creek Vineyard has never been brighter.