



2015 CLOS DU VAL ESTATE CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



94 pts “New management, farming and winemaking practices at this producer, including a focus on smaller production, are remarkably on display in this delicious white. Golden pear and crunchy apple provide an unctuous, delightfully balanced experience that’s crisp in underlying acidity and subtle baking spice.”

Virginie Boone
Wine Enthusiast
2017 Best of Year Issue

93 pts “Balance. That’s why this wine is so enjoyable. And enjoyable, not just for a sip, but also throughout the meal. There’s the lush ripeness and power you’d expect from Napa Valley Chardonnay, but the cooling influences of the San Pablo Bay on the Carneros region brings out a lovely lemony counterpoint and vivacity. For all of its intensity – and an almost chewy texture – it has remarkable elegance, which you really appreciate in the finish. Wines like this one explain why California Chardonnay remains so popular.”

Michael Apstein
Wine Review Online
August 8, 2017

91 pts “The 2015 Clos du Val ‘Estate’ Chardonnay is an outstanding wine that shows great balance. This excellent Chardonnay bottling was aged for 10 months in 28% new French oak prior to bottling. Wonderfully poised, there are ripe flavors of butterscotch, banana, and peach pit that connect with a beautiful minerality.”

Owen Bargreen
InternationalWineReport.com
May 2017

88 pts – Highly Recommended “Medium-light golden yellow; forward, apple, pear, and ripe peach aroma; medium-full body; citrus and apple flavors with good depth and balance, and a crisp finish; lingering aftertaste.”

Nick Ponomareff
California Grapevine
September 2017