

# STE CHAPELLE



## 2013 SRV CHARDONNAY

### BACKGROUND

Chardonnay, the noble grape of White Burgundy, is among the most popular and widely planted of all grape varieties, producing high quality dry white table wines throughout the world. Partial to cool-climate growing regions, it thrives in the high-altitude vineyards of Idaho's Snake River Valley.

### VINTAGE NOTE

Snake River Valley grape growers describe a modest yield but one of high-quality in 2013. A combination of an unusually chilly winter, a late spring frost event, and a spell of short-but-significant rains in September shuffled the usual order in which varieties ripened and readied for harvest. While the Idaho Wine Commission reports that yields were slightly lighter than 2012, the flavors were more concentrated in the fruit, giving winemakers a delicious foundation for the vintage. The Snake River Valley's hot June and July months and a pleasant, overall sunny autumn set the tone for the rest of harvest. Winemakers in the region reported outstanding quality in the 2013 Syrah, Merlot, Malbec, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Cabernet Sauvignon, with equally delicious but slightly limited Riesling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

A fuller bodied Chardonnay that unveils beautiful pineapple, pear and light citrus notes. Toasted oak notes are well integrated with balanced acidity on the finish.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled or broiled seafood, roast chicken and mild cheeses. Excellent with white meats, fish and creamy pasta dishes.

### TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETY BLEND 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARD Skyline

ALCOHOL 12.50% pH 3.38

T.A. 0.65 RS 0.70%

CASES PRODUCED 1,360