

SWANSON

VINEYARDS



2014 PINOT GRIGIO
SONOMA MOUNTAIN

Pale straw in color, this wine calls to mind white peach, guava, Asian pear, honey, and lemon zest. 10 % Chardonnay was blended in just before bottling to build depth and body. This wine is balanced and refreshing, and works nicely as either an aperitif or as a match with most seafood, especially oysters on the half shell.

COMPOSITION:
90% Pinot Grigio
10% Chardonnay

HARVEST:
September 2 (Pinot Grigio)
September 4 (Chardonnay)

WINEMAKING:
Whole-cluster pressed,
cold-fermented
Fermented and aged in
stainless steel only

RELEASE DATE:
May 2015



2013 CHARDONNAY
NAPA VALLEY

With its vibrant, golden yellow color and generous nose suggesting honey, ripe peach and acacia flower, this wine makes a strong first impression. Sweet and succulent upon entry, Meyer lemon, wild honey, a kiss of French oak, and a bit of yeast emerge as the wine evolves in the mouth. This Chardonnay is voluptuous in terms of fruit, body and texture. In addition to the pedigree of the vineyard sources, frequent lees stirring over an 8-month period was undoubtedly a major contributor to the hedonistic qualities of this wine.

COMPOSITION:
100% Chardonnay

HARVEST:
September 11 (Carneros)
August 30 (Oakville)

WINEMAKING:
Whole-cluster pressed,
cold-fermented
Barrel-fermented
Stirred on the lees for 8 months
Dry, no malolactic fermentation

RELEASE DATE:
May 2015



2011 MERLOT
NAPA VALLEY

Hand-harvested grapes were sorted to stainless steel tanks for cold soaking and fermentation. After 18 days of maceration on the skins, the wine was drained warm directly to barrels. The 2011 Swanson Napa Valley Merlot presents immediate appeal, showing a vibrant garnet color and robust aromas of freshly-crushed red and black cherries. Notes of sweet blackberry, coffee and allspice add further complexity. In the mouth, the wine exhibits ample black and red fruits, medium body through 2022.

COMPOSITION:
76% Merlot
20% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Petit Verdot

HARVEST:
September 30 (Merlot)
October 18-23 (Cabernet
Sauvignon)
October 28 (Petit Verdot)

WINEMAKING:
20 months in 223-liter oak
barrels; 50% French, 50%
American, 30% new

RELEASE DATE:
August 2014



2011 ALEXIS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

Striking in appearance, with its dark ruby, violet-edged color, the 2011 Alexis Cabernet Sauvignon is immediately seductive. Very focused macerated black cherry, graphite, vanilla and forest floor aromas balance each other nicely. Round, opulent, sweet, ripe tannins surface quickly on the palate, where flavors of ripe blackberry and espresso bean are present throughout the lingering finish. This wine will continue to age gracefully for a minimum of 12 - 15 years. Try pairing with tournedos de boeuf, a prime fillet of beef, or your favorite triple-cream cheese.

COMPOSITION:
96% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Merlot

HARVEST:
October 2 (Merlot)
October 18-23 (Cabernet
Sauvignon)

WINEMAKING:
18 months in 100% French oak
barrels (40% new)
28 days maceration on skins

RELEASE DATE:
November 2014