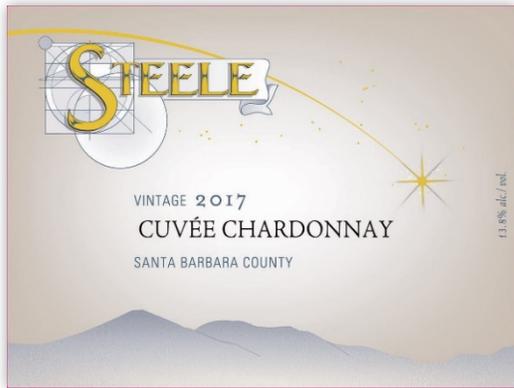




STEELE STARTED WITH JED STEELE'S PASSION FOR CHARDONNAY, PINOT NOIR, AND ZINFANDEL. WITH A KEEN FOCUS ON VINEYARD-SPECIFIC WINES FROM HIS OWN ESTATE VINEYARDS, AND FROM OTHER VINEYARDS HE HAS WORKED WITH SINCE THE 1970S, JED BELIEVES THAT THE STEELE WINES EXEMPLIFY THE VARIETAL CORRECTNESS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APPELLATIONS THEY REPRESENT.



◆ CUVÉE CHARDONNAY

Cuvée Chardonnay shows off Jed Steele's wizardry in blending. Produced with grapes sourced from six vineyards from the Santa Maria Valley to Mendocino County, the wine is barrel fermented and sur lie aged for 6 months. It has tropical and green apple flavors balanced by crisp acidity.

◆ CARNEROS PINOT NOIR

The Sangiacomo vineyard, with its cool climate zone, gives us plenty of hang time for flavor development. The grapes are cold-soaked before fermentation then aged for 9 months in French and Hungarian barrels for moderate oak, plenty of fruit, and a lingering finish.

◆ MERLOT

Merlot thrives when grown in the gravelly soils of Stymie vineyard in the Kelsey Bench AVA. This a perfect example of the heights this varietal can achieve in Lake County. The wine is aged in American and French barrels and shows rich plum and bright boysenberry flavors balanced by supple tannins.

◆ CABERNET FRANC

The Cabernet Franc grapes come from Estate vineyards on a gravelly bench in Lake County. The fruit is fermented warm, raked, and pressed. After 14 months in American and French oak, the finished wine shows aromas of raspberry and cassis, peppery undertones, and a lingering finish.

◆ CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Established in 2004, Red Hills AVA is finally getting the recognition it deserves. The Amber Knolls vineyard is laden with obsidian which retains afternoon heat. Stainless fermentation and extended maceration lead to 18 months in barrels before bottling. The wine is rich, fruit-forward and elegant.

◆ PACINI ZINFANDEL

Steele acquired this Mendocino County vineyard in 1998. Low yielding, dry farmed old vines produce a wine with ripe cherry and berry aromas that are enhanced by 12 months of American oak aging. The wine has great structure and is well balanced.