

## DESIERTO25 Chardonnay 2014

### DESCRIPTION

Variety: 100% Chardonnay  
Vintage: 2014  
Appellation: Patagonia Argentina  
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### TASTING NOTES

**TO THE EYE:** bright and pale amber that catches light.  
**NOSE:** fresh and pervasive aroma that brings to mind crisp apples, honey with an almost whisper of ripe peach to mind.  
**PALATE:** a youthful freshness from clean and leafy notes is framed with a body that harks back to the fruit notes perceived on the nose.

### VINEYARD NOTES

**VINEYARD ORIENTATION:** North to South  
**SOIL DESCRIPTION:** sandy, deep, with variable content of stones  
**TRAINING SYSTEM:** double-sided cordon trellis training  
**IRRIGATION SYSTEM:** drip  
**YIELD:** 90 qq per hectare  
**CLIMATE:** continental, arid, ranging from moderate to cool  
**THERMAL AMPLITUDE:** 18°C  
**AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL:** 180 mm

### VINEYARD REPORT

Pruning was conducted in September, leaving shoots with two buds 12 cm apart per plant. Shoot thinning was performed early, when shoots were 20 cm long. Two grape clusters were left per shoot, removing any entangled clusters. Fruit thinning and de-leafing were performed immediately after fruit formation (bunches begin to hang) and then again 30 days before harvest. De-leafing was performed on the east side of the canopy only, at cluster height.

### WINEMAKING REPORT

Grapes arrive at the winery within one hour of being harvested and are sent directly to the pneumatic press. Oxidative handling of the must is used for winemaking. Juice from the press is moved immediately to stainless steel tanks, overnight settled at 10°C, and then racked off heavy sediments. The partially clarified juice is then inoculated with selected strains of yeast. Fermentation starts at low temperature and progresses to completion within two to three weeks. Aged for 5 months in French oak.

### WINEMAKING ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14% | Total Acidity : 5.7 g/l | Residual Sugar: 5.1 g/l | pH: 3.5

### BOTTLING

November 2014