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2014 *Improbable* Chardonnay, El Dorado

El Dorado is not where we expected to find Chardonnay to our liking but when offered 30 plus year old Musqué clone, own rooted Chardonnay we could not resist. Such an “improbable” place to find our style of Chardonnay (minerality, acidity)! What fun to be so wrong and this wine will shine as the temperatures rise.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Cloud

Varietal: Own rooted Chardonnay

Clone: Probably Musqué Chardonnay

Age: 34 years

Elevation: 2,600 feet

Soil: Josephine silt loam

Yield: 3 tons/acre

Harvested: July 31, 2014

Pressed: August 1, 2014

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Fermentation: Wild yeast, neutral oak

Barrel aging: 9mths neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on May 5, 2015

Production: 470 cases

Release date: Summer 2015

Tasting Notes

Light yellow color. Aromas of lemon rind, quince and wet river stone that brighten up with air to offer spicy citrus and orchard fruit flavors and a touch of honeysuckle. This light bodied and dry chardonnay finishes with more citrus and persistent mineral notes.