

Longplay™ 2013 "Jory Slope" Chardonnay, Lia's Vineyard

Harvest: October 8, 2013

Vineyard: Lia's Vineyard

Chehalem Mountains AVA

Vine Age: 21 years

Clone: 100 percent Wente

Yield: <1 ton per acre

Winemaker: Jay Somers

Alcohol by volume: 13.5 percent

Cellar: Fermentation in oak barrels, twice- and thrice-filled, none new. In an

effort to preserve acidity, we did our best to impede malolactic

fermentation.

Production: 44 cases Bottled: December 23, 2014

We've said wine is like music. There are many different genres and styles. And "best" is more a question of taste than absolutes. We craft authentic wines with character that reward those with the patience to explore a wine and watch it develop and change as the evening unfolds.

Our Chardonnay is always special and somehow manages to show the best each vintage has to offer. The vines are planted on a steep, south-facing slope which provides excellent exposure helping to ensure optimal ripeness and reins in the vines' vigor limiting yields while increasing concentration. The 2013 growing season resulted in a balanced wine with body and natural acidity. The wine delivers weight and spiciness consistent with previous vintages. Hints of tropical flowers on the bouquet. On the palate, pineapple leads with hints of stone fruit. We especially appreciate the length of the finish and the balance of this wine. It is a pure expression of the 2013 vintage from our vineyard. Our only regret is that yields were so low, limiting production.

This wine reminds us of a tango: Crisp, spicy ... seductive.

