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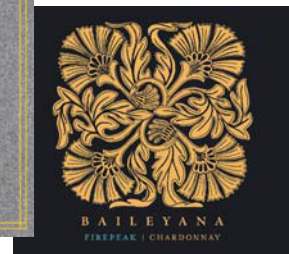
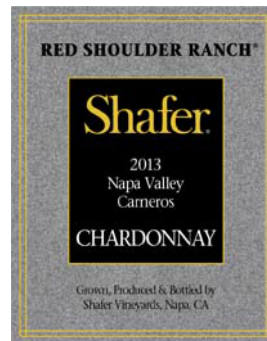
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CHARDONNAY New Releases

1. **2013 Shafer**, “Red Shoulder Ranch,” Carneros, Napa Valley (\$52) – Medium-light golden yellow color; attractive, deep, intense, apple and stone fruit aroma with tropical notes and hints of vanilla, honeysuckle, and lemon zest; medium-full body; crisp, lemony, green apple and white peach flavors with bright acidity, mineral notes, and well integrated oak; lingering aftertaste. Very highly recommended. Nicely balanced and structured for further development with some bottle aging. *14.9% alcohol; 6,700 cases; 100% Chardonnay; 100% barrel fermented (BF); 0% malolactic fermentation (ML); released March 2015.* (Group Score: 16.7 of 20 points, 8 of 14 first-place votes/3 seconds/1 third; My Score: 17 [93 of 100 points], first place)

2. **2013 Baileyana**, “Firepeak,” Edna Valley (\$28) – Medium-light golden yellow; attractive, fragrant, floral, pear, pineapple, and green apple aroma with notes of honeysuckle and lemon zest; medium to medium-full body; crisp, lemony, pear and pineapple flavors with moderate depth, bright acidity, and a slight creaminess in the textured mouthfeel; lingering aftertaste. **Very highly recommended.** *14.5% alcohol; 6,100 cases; 100% Chardonnay; 100% BF; 0% ML; released March 2015.* (Group Score: 16.2, 1/3/4; My Score: 17 [90/100], fourth place)



3. **2013 Ridge**, “Monte Bello Estate Vineyard,” Santa Cruz Mountains (\$50) – Medium-light golden yellow; attractive, melon and apple aroma with light, toasty notes and a hint of tangerine; medium to medium-full body; crisp, lemon and green apple flavors with good depth and texture, notes of minerality and toasty oak, and a pleasing, nicely balanced mouthfeel; lingering aftertaste. Should continue to develop with a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.7% alcohol; 2,000 cases; 100% Chardonnay; 100% BF; 100% ML; released April 2015.* (Group Score: 16.2, 2/2/3; My Score: 17 [91/100], third place)

4. **2013 Patz & Hall**, “Hudson Vineyard,” Carneros (\$55) – Medium-light golden yellow; attractive, buttery, toasty, green apple and ripe peach aroma with hints of orange zest, honeysuckle, and vanilla; medium-full body; crisp, lemony, buttery, apple and stone fruit flavors with good depth and some richness in the mouthfeel; lingering aftertaste. Very highly recommended. *14% alcohol; 374 cases; 100% Chardonnay; 100% BF; 100% ML; released March 2015.* (Group Score: 16.2, 1/2/1; My Score: 17 [91/100], second place)

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Baileyana Firepeak Chardonnay is rated 90 Points and ‘Very Highly Recommended’

The lowest priced wine in the top 5!

Rated and Recommended alongside some incredible competitors in the Chardonnay category.



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