

ALTA

NAPA VALLEY

Alta means “height” in Spanish and perfectly describes the mountainside site of the Alta home vineyard in the Atlas Peak district of Napa Valley, as well as owners’ Fred and Nina Oliai’s aspirations to craft only the best possible, limited release wines from the region.

The 2015 Alta Winery Chardonnay has a compelling nose of lemon blossoms, bananas, and petit grain layered above clove and allspice and the perfume of toasted oak. In the mouth, the oak integrates seamlessly with tropical fruit and pineapple flavors, while the acidity brightens the fruit as it stretches out across the palate. This wine has good complexity, with a crisp mouth feel, hints of citric zest and lemon tart creaminess. The palate is warmed by the oak influence, which works well with the flavors evolving over time into braised spiced pears. The wine was made for early consumption, but the acidity and aromatic sophistication should last for up to a decade.

Wine Maker: Fred Oliai

Vineyard: Ballentine

AVA: St. Helena

Harvest Date: September 18, 2015

Alc: 14.2%

pH: 3.61

Release Date: September 2016

Retail Price: \$26.99



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90 Points



87 Points

