

# Darcie Kent

## VINEYARDS

*Started from her art studio in 1996, Darcie Kent Vineyards produces world-class, vineyard-focused wines from very particular vineyards in the Central Coast of California. 5th generation vintner and artist Darcie Kent paints each label, and runs the winery with her two daughters, Amanda and Kailyn Kent, 6th generation.*



## Chardonnay, DeMayo Block, Original Estate Vineyard, 2012

**The vintage:** The '12 greets the nose with a decadent layering of cream, pineapple and bourbon spices. It's pillowy mouthfeel is complemented by a firm, refreshing acidity, resulting in a classic structure and a long, stony finish. While perfect to drink now, it shows definite ageability.

**The winemaking:** We hand-harvested the berries overnight, and lightly pressed them. The juice underwent fermentation and maturation in a combination of new and neutral American and French oak barrels.

<b>Appellation</b>	<b>Livermore Valley</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>1,880</b>
<b>Winemaker</b>	<b>Julian Halasz</b>
<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Fall 2013</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>RS</b>	<b>.13 g/100mL</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.53</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>0.56 g/100mL</b>
<b>At our tasting room</b>	<b>\$30 a btl</b>
<b>Suggested BTG</b>	<b>\$12-16</b>

**Darcie's new Label for the 2012 vintage**

**The vineyard:** The slope receives ample sunlight, brisk winds and fog rolling in from the San Francisco Bay. We restrict the amount of water given to the grapes, which focuses the vines energy into more intensely flavored fruit and creates the tropical fruit notes in the Chardonnay. The vineyard is sustainably tended by the Kent and the Hoffman families.