



LA STELLA

LEGGIERO UNOAKED CHARDONNAY 2012

The Winemaker's Notes

We celebrate the fact that we make wine in a region where vintage variations play an important role. Atypical growing seasons are a nightmare for commercial wineries interested in making consistent but boring wines. For us however it defines our interest in wine. We look forward to seeing what Mother Nature gives us to work with each year. It is the effects of each vintage on the finished wine that urges us to start verticals of our favorite wines then follow their evolution and discuss their merits at tastings with friends.

The best Italian Chardonnay hails from the cool climate region of Alto Adige. Almost always made in an un-oaked fashion, it is a wine that expresses the pure minerality of Chardonnay with beautiful acidity and crisp fruit flavours. The 2012 Leggiero offers up a balance of apple, meyer lemon rind and ripe orchard fruit. The palate is harmonious with a great burst of lemon puff and apple on the mid-palate that plays into a medium length mineral infused finish.

FOOD PAIRING:

To play off the complexity of flavours and textures, enjoy this wine with a variety of seafood dishes. Fresh BC oysters, Salt Spring Mussels steamed in a light lemon grass and ginger broth, or seared local rock cod topped with a fresh herb butter and squeeze of lemon will all match delightfully.

The Details

Grape Variety:	100 % UnOaked Chardonnay
Region:	North Oliver
Vineyard:	Inkaneep
Soil Type:	Glacio fluvial: silt and gravel mix/alluvial deposit and sand. The site's geology is very complex and varies from row to row
Age of Vines:	12+ years old
Yield:	Average of 2.8 tons/acre
Production Size:	435 cases
Alcohol:	14.20%
Aging:	5 months in stainless steel on fine lees with no battonage

2012 UN-OAKED CHARDONNAY
BC VQA Okanagan Valley

*If music be the food of love; wine is the drink.
Each of our wines is inspired by song.
Leggiero is a light and elegant dance combining
ripe fruit and crisp acidity.*

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*At LaStella we believe the best wines come from
low yielding, sustainably farmed vines. All
our fruit is hand harvested in 30 lb picking bins,
double-sorted, and fermented in small batches.*

