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# DARING GREATLY

*An Inspirational, Collectible Chardonnay*

## A HERO'S JOURNEY

Teddy Roosevelt and his powerful “Man in the Arena” speech provide the inspiration for the ÆRENA brand name and a remarkable Chardonnay that stands apart from the crowd. Crafted to give us the courage to speak up, show up, stand up, Daring Greatly is a wine that reminds us to be larger than our fears; to take a chance, to see and be seen. Daring Greatly inspires us to not sit in judgement, but to stand with purpose.

*“It is not the critic who counts. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs; who comes short again and again, but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.”*

-Theodore Roosevelt, Citizenship in a Republic

## THE VINEYARD

Grown on the Scopus Vineyard, nestled on 40 acres near the top of Sonoma Mountain, Daring Greatly offers optimum fruit character balanced by fresh acidity. The high elevation of Scopus Vineyard, just above the fog line, offers plenty of sunshine



but relatively cool temperatures - excellent conditions for Chardonnay. The soil is clay and rocky, providing ideal growing conditions and lending a delightful mineral flavor to the fruit.

## TASTING NOTES

Crafted from a single vineyard on Sonoma Mountain by Blackbird Vineyards winemakers Aaron Pott and Kyle Mizuno, ÆRENA Wine's 2015 Daring Greatly Chardonnay offers aromas and flavors of peach, apricot, lemon zest, toasted almonds, shortbread cookie, nutmeg and vanilla. The wine displays tightly woven density and ample richness with bright, refreshing acidity. It finishes long with lingering ripe pear, citrus and toffee flavors.

## THE INNER CIRCLE

Standing together as ÆRENA's collectors wines, Daring Greatly and our inaugural Proprietary Red, Unreliable Narrator, are the perfect pair. While Unreliable Narrator captures the essence of today's socio-political climate of uncertainty, Daring Greatly reminds us that true authenticity always stands the test of time.

**VINTAGE:** 2015  
**VARIETAL:** Chardonnay  
**WINEMAKING:** Fermented in 30% new French oak  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.1%  
**PRODUCTION:** Five barrels  
**OPTIMUM DRINKING:** 2017 - 2022  
**SRP:** \$42  
**FORMATS:** 750ml

