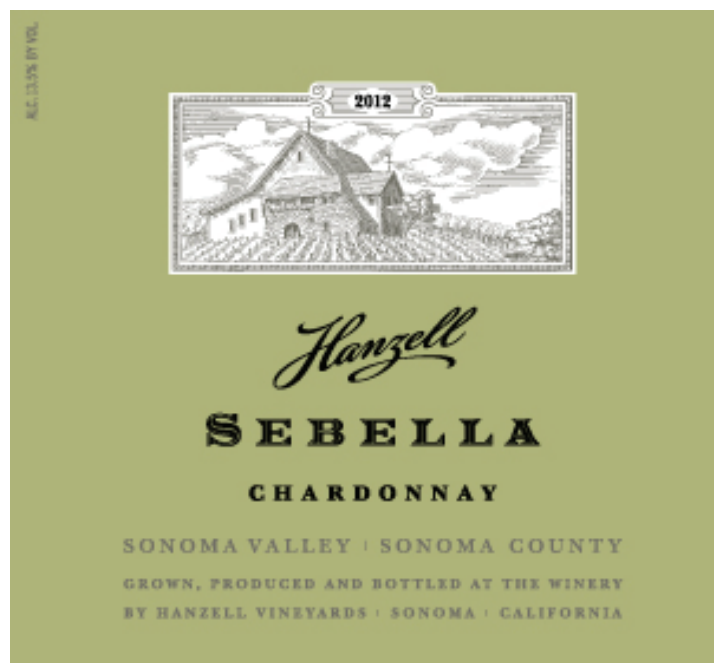


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## Top 100 Wines of 2013



### 2012 Hanzell 'Sebella' Chardonnay

(\$36, 13.5%): This Sonoma site is arguably one of the birthplaces of California Chardonnay. In recent years, thanks to winemaker Michael McNeill, its affordable second label has emerged from under big brother's shadow. The Sebella offers the same magnitude but from younger vines and with a bit more immediacy. Ripe pear and finger lime flavors are match by an intense savory side: clover, white tea, bright minerality. Tank fermented and aged in old barrels, it's a full-fleshed expression that pays tribute to a Sonoma sweet spot for white grapes just north of San Pablo Bay.

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