



2008 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast

ORIGIN: The grapes for this Chardonnay came from several prime vineyards in southern Sonoma, where the Sonoma Coast meets Carneros, including the Sangiacomo, Champlin Creek, Hi Vista, and Rodgers Creek vineyards. Our own Wildcat Mountain Estate Vineyard, high up in the hills, foggy, windy, and truly coastal in its cool temperament, played a significant role in the blend as well, adding extra dimension.

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2008 growing season, coming on the heels of a very dry winter, was notable for reduced vigor in the vines. Less vegetative growth results in improved fruit flavor, and, of course, balanced vines help make balanced wines. Yields were moderate, averaging three to five tons per acre, with Wildcat coming in at the low end, as always. All of the grapes destined for the Sonoma Coast Chardonnay blend were picked by hand inside of three busy weeks, from September 8 through 30.

WINEMAKING NOTES: All grapes went direct to press as whole clusters in order to maximize quality, and were gently pressed. After settling, most of the juice was racked into French and Hungarian oak barrels for fermentation, 20% of which were new. A significant portion were not inoculated, but allowed to ferment with indigenous yeasts. Once dry and finished with ML, the barrel-fermented lots were aged on the lees for six months, with occasional stirring to increase richness and body. A select few lots were fermented in stainless, then barreled down later to emphasize fruit and aromatics. The final blend was assembled prior to bottling, which ran from June 15 through 24, 2009.

TASTING NOTES: Very pale straw in color, with bright, creamy, lemon custard aromas, and a bit of floral vanilla to boot. In the mouth it is rich and round, with tropical pineapple and hints of key lime pie. Like said pie, the finish is both crisp and creamy.

This vintage produced 16,000 (750 ml) cases

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