



APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY
VARITETAL BLEND: 100% CHARDONNAY
PRODUCTION: 312 CASES
WINEMAKER: SPENCER GRAHAM
RELEASE DATE: EARLY SPRING 2006

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Straw gold color. Lovely aromas of apple blossoms, white peaches, Meyer lemons and hints of white pepper. On the palate the flavors are of grapefruit rind, bosc pear and mineral notes. The wine is crisp with an excellent structure and softens to a light creamy finish with good, long persistence.

WINEMAKING

By the end of the 2005 growing season, our Chardonnay grapes had enjoyed a cooler than usual summer. Moderate temperatures allowed the fruit to retain both its delicate and complex aromatic profile as well as a solid backbone of complementary acidity. We decided to take advantage of this opportunity, uncommon in Napa Valley, to produce a wine which would drink wonderfully in its early life and continue to evolve and improve in bottle by virtue of its sterling acidity. This wine was fermented in neutral French oak barrels and specially designed stainless steel barrels.

VINEYARDS

Located in the southern end of the Napa Valley, the vineyard which produced this Chardonnay is nestled against the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains. With a slightly southeastern aspect, the vineyard is protected from prolonged afternoon sunlight which can overheat delicate Chardonnay fruit and compromise its more refined and complex aromas.

VINTAGE

The 2005 growing season in Northern California was characterized by two distinct features; a spring with more rain than usual and a warm, but not too hot summer. These conditions allowed the grapes to ripen gradually and evenly. By carefully managing the crop in the vineyard, we were able to guide the fruit to a fully ripe state while retaining an ideal acidity. Capitalizing on the unique characteristics of this vintage, we were able to show a different facet of this vineyard's potential.

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