

Proprietor Selected  
SPECIAL CUVÉE

*Elizabeth Spencer*

CHARDONNAY  
NAPA VALLEY

Vintage 2007

12 Barrels

Produced & Bottled by Elizabeth Spencer Wines

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY  
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% CHARDONNAY  
PRODUCTION: 12 BARRELS  
WINEMAKER: MATTHEW RORICK & SPENCER GRAHAM

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Flaxen in color with refined aromas of night-blooming jasmine, pear blossom and lemon rind. This wine gains in complexity as it develops in the glass. Tight and focused on the palate, with a medium body to support bright acidity. Delicious flavors of bright tart lemon, summer peach, and white pepper expand across the palate and lead to a clean and crisp finish.

#### WINEMAKING

Our Napa Valley Chardonnay is cold-fermented entirely in stainless steel barrels, allowing the pure expression of Chardonnay fruit to take center stage. Kept on the lees and stirred twice a month in order to allow a complex, rich mouthfeel to develop, this wine offers the taster an opportunity to enjoy the essence of this variety's character untrammelled by oak. Crisp and refreshing now, it will continue to increase in complexity and mid-palate richness over the next several years.

#### 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. The fruit from this cooler vineyard site provides the fruit, citrus and mineral notes that complement food so well.

#### VINTAGE

In 2007, the growing season in northern California started out to be quite warm until the temperatures mellowed in the middle of August, leading into a mild, dry fall. This moderate growing season allowed the grapes to develop and ripen evenly. By assiduous management of vine growth and crop levels, we were able to guide our Chardonnay to optimum ripeness, showcasing complex and forward aromas and flavors. The result is a wine which is a brilliantly true expression of the variety, featuring clean, pure flavors, ample structure and body, and balancing natural acidity.

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