



GANN FAMILY CELLARS

2007 Russian River Valley Chardonnay

Sonoma County

Estate Vineyard notes:

Our Chardonnay vineyard is located on gravelly, alluvial soils found along the Russian River just three miles east of Healdsburg. Originally planted in 1978, these old and gnarled vines produce fruit filled with amazing depth and character. This wine was produced from our estate Chardonnay vineyards planted to clone 4 on AxR-1 rootstock using a quadrilateral cordon trellis system.

Growing Season & Harvest notes:

2007 was characterized as a moderate season. The cooler temperatures and lack of summer heat spikes provided for even ripening of fruit throughout spring and summer. Overall crop size was on the low side with both smaller clusters and berries providing a wonderful tannin structure for this vintage.

Winemaking notes:

Our fruit was hand picked in the early morning, whole cluster pressed and settled with enzymes for 48 hours at 45° F. The wine was split into three lots - 50% stainless steel, 25% neutral barrels and 25% new French Oak. Each lot was inoculated with a different yeast strain and stirred using different regimes. Malolactic fermentation was completed on 75% of the wine and total aging time in barrel on original lees was 10 months.

Tasting notes:

The nose shows complex layers of Crème Brulee, Apple Pie, and Vanilla Custard with hints of Tangerine, Pineapple and Nectarine. The initial taste shows bright acidity which rounds to a rich texture of green apple, tropical (Pineapple), citrus (Orange), and stone fruit (Apricot & Nectarine). The lingering finish dissolves back to the initial baking spice and buttery pie crust along with toasted hazelnuts. Good acidity in balance with rich texture gives this wine many pairing options including appetizers like bruschetta or soft goat cheeses to more traditional entrees including grilled salmon or chicken.

Wine Statistics:

Brix: 24.8° (at harvest)

Alcohol: 14.0%

TA: 0.515g/100ml

pH: 3.60

Additional Information:

Harvested: Aug. 30th, Sept. 4th &
Sept. 5th, 2007

Bottled: July 31, 2008

Cases Produced: 1,594

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