



2006 Chardonnay Sonoma County

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Source of Grapes: Smaller vineyards growing a range of Dijon Chardonnay clones from the Russian River Valley & Alexander Valley AVA's. The combination of these two diverse growing regions has provided the perfect, complementing fruit for this outstanding example of the classic Burgundy white varietal. Vineyards range in size from 4 to 15 acres.

Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay consisting of 70% Dijon Clone 98 from Alexander Valley and 30% Dijon Clone 95 from the Russian River Valley. The cooler climate Russian River provided the complexity and acidity while the warmer Alexander Valley provides depth of fruit and palate weight. These vineyards are planted exclusively to the Chardonnay varietal.

Type of Soil: Alexander Valley AVA: Combination of alluvial sedimentary with coarse sand and minimal loam and organic materials. Russian River AVA: Alluvial composite mixture from sedimentary deposits of geological action of the Russian River consisting primarily of sandy loam and clay.

Harvest: Alexander Valley Vineyards: Harvested at an average of 24.5 degree brix between September 23rd and 24th. Russian River Vineyards: Harvested at an average of 24 brix between September 26th and 29th.

Wine making technique: A combination of complete malolactic fermentation and sur lies manipulation resulted in a rich texture balanced by the bright, natural acidity found in the cooler climate Russian River Valley Dijon Clone 95 selection.

Barrel Regimen: After a gentle pressing in order to minimize contact with solids, the lots were fermented in a combination of new (32%) and neutral French oak barrels for 8 months prior to bottling. The resulting taste profile show-

Avg. Brix at Harvest: 24 - 24.5

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.45

Bottling Date: 6/24/07