



RUTHERFORD
Ranch
N A P A V A L L E Y

2009
CHARDONNAY
NAPA VALLEY



The 2009 growing season was relatively uneventful - a cool but dry spring and only about 5 days over 100 degrees (compared to the usual 10 to 14). Chardonnay accounted for the largest percentage of the Napa Valley harvest - nearly 18%. Our winemaking team selects vineyard sites from both cool and warm sub-regions of the Napa Valley to capture the best qualities of Chardonnay.

To preserve the fresh fruit characteristics, the grapes are gently pressed and transferred to stainless steel tanks. Part of the lot is barrel fermented for greater richness and complexity.

WINE DESCRIPTION

AROMAS: Bright fruit aromas of pear, fuji apple, creamy caramel and barrel spice.

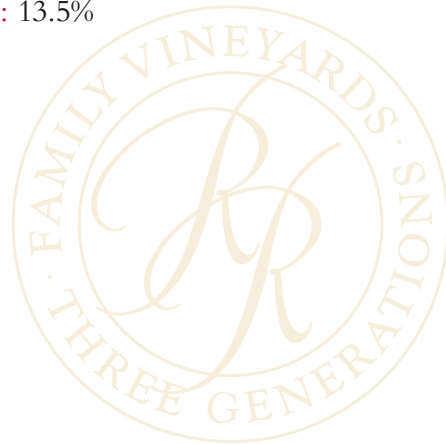
FLAVORS: Crisp apple, dried apricot, spicy cinnamon and vanilla.

TOTAL ACID/PH: .62/3.55

BLEND: 97% Chardonnay, 3% Muscat Canelli

AGING: 60% Stainless Steel, 40% Barrel aged – 6 months

ALCOHOL: 13.5%



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