



1999 Estate Chardonnay – *Santa Ynez Valley*

565 cases produced, \$20/bottle

Release Date 07.14.00

production

This wine hails from the Melville estate (2/3) and the Sweeney Canyon vineyards (1/3), both located amongst the Santa Rita Hills in the western Santa Ynez Valley. Yields hovered between ½ ton and 1 ton per acre from both sites. The grapes were whole-cluster pressed, gravity transferred to barrel (all Burgundian coopered French oak, 50% of which was new) for fermentation and sur lie aging. Approximately 25% of the wine completed malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was bottled by gravity in mid June 2000 and released on Bastille Day, July 14 2000. 14.7% alcohol.

tasting notes

Pale golden straw color. Lightly toasted biscuit aromas with background yeasty characteristics. Citrus (predominantly lemon) and some secondary ripe pear flesh aromas follow. Bright acidity in the front mouth coupled with a weightier, plush mouth feel provide the structure to support mineral-infused citrus flavors.

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