



RIVERBENCH

2009 Harvest

Throughout the 2009 harvest we generally had favorable weather conditions. There was a sprinkle of hot days immediately before we began picking and during the first few weeks of harvest. The heat was not uncommon and resulted in a nice even ripening of the clusters. Our Riverbench fruit showed nice early flavors and the progression of flavor in both the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were both variable and predictable. The variability between blocks allowed us to select areas and maturity levels for each distinct wine.



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2009 BEDROCK CHARDONNAY

Estate Grown and Bottled
Santa Maria Valley



Composition

100% Chardonnay

Harvest

October 2009

Cooperage

100% Stainless Steel

Bottled

March 2010

Acidity

.65 g/100mL

pH

3.65

Alcohol

13.3%

Production

440 cases

Winemakers Notes

We'll bet you haven't had a Chardonnay that surprises you in a while. If that's the case, this wine's for you. This crisp and bright Chablis style wine is fermented completely in stainless steel tanks to preserve favors of pineapple, guava, lime, and grapefruit. Yet it's far from being a simple white; a little time *sur lies* adds a richness and complexity that most stainless steel aged Chards just don't have. It's a treat poolside all on its own or with light appetizers such as barbecued shrimp or pork wontons (don't forget the dipping sauce!), or allow the acidity to cut through as you indulge in a rich, creamy bowl of mac and cheese.