



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 CHAPEL VIEW CHARDONNAY

Estate Grown and Bottled
Santa Maria Valley



Composition

100% Chardonnay

Harvest

October 2009

Coopers

Boutes, Seguin Moreau, Remond

Cooperage

20% new, 35% 1 year old, 20% 2 year old

Bottled

August 2010

Acidity

.73 g/100mL

pH

3.54

Alcohol

14.3%

Production

235 cases

Suggested Retail Price

\$34

Winemakers Notes

90 pts, *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, January 2012*

The old Sisquoc Chapel, a true landmark in Santa Maria, sits on a hill overlooking our Chapel View block, planted entirely in Clone 4 chardonnay. This clone has its own place in local history as one that gives the valley its signature tropical fruit flavors. We wanted to create a wine that was deliciously drinkable but that also has an austere side; something you could enjoy while looking over the vineyard at the chapel in the distance. This vintage will have you raising your glass.