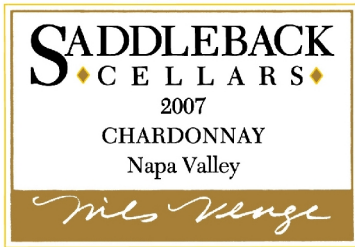




2007 CHARDONNAY



PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY VENGE VINEYARDS
OAKVILLE, CA - ALC 14.5% BY VOL - CONTAINS SULFITES



Appellation:	Napa Valley
Harvested:	September 6th – 11th, 2007
Cooperage:	40% new French Oak barrels
Alcohol:	14.5%
Bottled:	June 18, 2008
Released:	September 1, 2008
Cases Produced:	831 cases
Retail Price:	\$26.00

Our first vintage of Chardonnay dates way back to 1983 from vines planted on our estate that were then just three years old; subsequently, more were added in 1990 when we T-budded a few rows over from Cabernet Sauvignon. The Chardonnay on the estate is planted with 7x12 bilateral cordon and dry farmed. Chardonnay now totals 2.9 acres of the 14.8 acres planted on our estate. Today, we enhance our Oakville estate with a small amount of fruit sourced from The Garvey Vineyard in St. Helena, located on East Zinfandel Lane.

HARVEST:

We handpicked 13.45 tons of Chardonnay from September 6th – 11th, 2007.

Average Sugar: 24.0 BRIX
Acidity: 0.65 g/100ml
pH: 3.73 units

FERMENTATION AND AGING:

After whole cluster pressing and cold settling, the clear juice was racked into small stainless steel fermenters and inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast. Fermentation ensued and remained temperature controlled for approximately two weeks at 52 degrees until Brix reading dropped to seven degrees. At this point, the fermenting wine was transferred to 60 gallon Nevers and Allier barrels, of which 40% were new oak, for the completion of fermentation. The wine remained *sur-leees* for a period of eight months during which it was stirred every two weeks. The wine did not go through malo-lactic fermentation.

CHARACTERISTICS:

The nose emits aromas of pear, lemon rind, and brioche. The taste echoes the lovely nose and has a viscous mouth-feel due to the *battonage* (stirred *sur-leees*) process. The long finish has aftertastes of peach, pear, lemon and a hint of toast. A perfect accompaniment with dried fruit, cheese, crab, or lobster.

REVIEWS:

Rated 88 points by Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate



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