



2009 Chardonnay Russian River Valley

The Vineyards:

Cecil De Loach has been farming Russian River Valley Chardonnay for over 30 years and was among a small group of vintners that helped define this valley as a premier Chardonnay region. The coastal fog that covers our rolling vineyards allows the grapes to ripen slowly, and gives the flavors time to develop.

The Winemaking:

After crushing and de-stemming immediately to press, the Chardonnay juice is fermented in French oak barrels. While in barrel, the wine goes through a malolactic fermentation that naturally creates a light buttery flavor and smooth mouth feel. While on its lees the wine is hand stirred in barrel once a month, and topped twice a month for eight months. This process develops an additional complexity of flavors and aromas.

The Wine:

Our straw colored Chardonnay leads off with a refreshing bouquet of pineapple and honey, which is closely followed by a citrus and tropical mouth. A slight minerality compliments the crisp green apple finish. Pair this Chardonnay with grilled chicken and seafood, or with a garlic and olive oil pasta.

Technical Information:

Harvested: September 17th – October 9th, 2009 **Release Date:** Summer 2010

Alcohol %: 14.2 **pH:** 3.15 **Total Acidity:** .69 **Residual Sugar:** .15%

Case Production: 5,751 **Suggested Retail Price:** \$19

Winemaker: Jason De Loach

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