



2008 Chardonnay Sonoma

Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Sonoma, Russian River Valley
Alcohol	14.5%
Release Date	September 2009
Case Production	1,000 cases

Our Sonoma Chardonnay comes from some of the oldest Dutton Ranch plantings in Russian River. These vines consistently yield fruit of great complexity and intensity seldom found in other sites. Cooler temperatures toward the end of the 2008 growing season resulted in crisp, well-defined flavors and long ripening times. Ripe citrus, Tupelo honey and sweet floral notes combined with seductive oak and all-spice aromas are just the beginning. Sun-ripened citrus fruit flavors are framed with brilliant acidity giving this wine its trademark zest and tremendous length.

“The slight haziness to this wine's appearance is part and parcel of the movement to leave more of the wine in the wine, and as has happened here, the results can be spectacular. Aromas of apples and crisp stone fruits are joined by suggestions of a pulpy, juicy character with oaky richness and roasted grain complexities for added bits of interest. Fairly full in body and kept on the light and agile side by bright acidity, this wine boasts uncommon depth, range and length to its nuanced flavors and still tight finish. Great now, it will better yet in a few years.”

- *Connoisseur's Guide*