

2005 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Characteristic Russian River Valley aromas of apples, pears, lichee, butterscotch and marshmallows only add to the complexity of these flavors in your mouth. Rich and full of classic Allen flavors that finish long and intricate.

-Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Chardonnay Vineyard is adjacent to Rochioli Vineyard, approximately six miles southwest of the town of Healdsburg, banking the Russian River. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River Valley region ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

HARVEST 2005

Following a labor-intensive growing season due to early spring rains, a cool summer and mild fall weather extended the ripening season in 2005. This long, slow maturation period permitted flavors and color to develop to high levels, and the absence of weather threats or temperature extremes allowed fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness. Vineyards unaffected by bloom failure, particularly Pinot noir and Chardonnay in Russian River Valley, enjoyed a bountiful crop. The fruit quality was extremely high, contributing to balanced and elegant wines with concentrated flavors and intense color.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 43% new, 14% 2 year old, 43% 3+ year old Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.33 TA: 0.65g/100ml Alc: 14.8% Released Fall 2007 \$48



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