



2008 Chardonnay

SONOMA COAST

Label Poet:
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UP NORTH

Winter always lingers. The blue snow
thins down but holds on
in the shadows, even when neighbors
start talk of planting their gardens.

They spoon sugar in their coffee,
dream of days so hot
they have to lie on the kitchen floor
and suck ice cubes from a glass.

Even in May the tulips are not in sight.
Weasels by the river waddle through the mud,
swim alone in the sinuous water.
People hoard their oranges

because they come from a land that's warm.
Columns of geese begin heading north,
but they're animals, they know
how to take things on faith.

Tasting Notes | More pear and stone fruits with a touch less citrus than our '07 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, this vintage features a bright pale straw color with aromas of lemon-lime, kiwi and tropical notes nicely supported by modest hints of oak. The palate reveals lovely poached pear, golden delicious apple, apricot, peach and pineapple, with fine supporting acidity and excellent focus. Medium-bodied, intense and lively, with a long, persistent finish. A wonderful contrast to its '08 Russian River Valley sibling, yet a proud member of a close family.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: mid 2011 to 2013
Graceful ageability: through 2014

Analysis | pH: 3.39
TA: 6.2 g/L
Alcohol: 14.6%
Bottling: December 3, 2009
Release: Fall 2010
Total Produced: 139 cases

Philosophy | *We prefer to follow the grapes' lead and offer gentle care as the wine emerges from the juice. If a wine asks for help, we provide it. If a wine is happy on its own, we simply let it be and celebrate its unique evolution.*