

BALLETTO

2007 ESTATE CHARDONNAY



WINERY:

The Balletto Winery is located in the southwest area of the Russian River valley. There are several soils on which the grapes are grown, including Wright Loam Shallow, Clear Lake Clay, Blucher Fine Sandy Loam and Goldridge. The western edges of the ranch border the Laguna de Santa Rosa vital wetland habitat, a home to many species of birds and animals. Today, 100 acres of chardonnay, 60 acres of pinot noir and 5 acres of pinot gris surround the winery site. The Balletto family felt that the additional area of land they owned along the Laguna was so beautiful it should be shared with others. They were able to come to an agreement with Sonoma County's Agriculture Preservation & Open Space District to preserve this land for all those living in the area and for visitors to this wonderful county! Future visions include a seasonal trail for all.

DESCRIPTION:

This straw colored Chardonnay showcases beautiful apple, peach, honeysuckle and lime aromas with light oak influences of vanilla and toasted almonds. It has mouth-filling flavors of whole cumquats, orange blossoms and limes, and the finish is lightly creamy with lingering flavors of toffee and butterscotch. This estate fruit was harvested only a few hundred yards from the winery where it was whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented and aged for 10 months. It is a lively, fresh and clean Chardonnay that will pair well with any seafood and lighter meats like pork tenderloin.

HARVEST:

September 18 and 26, 2007. Brix at Harvest: 25.2

The grapes for this vintage came from the main vineyard on Occidental Road in Santa Rosa, California, the same vineyard that surrounds the winery site.

SOURCE:

Clones: #17 - Robert Young Clone, picked from two different vineyard blocks (A-10 1/2 & A8)

COOPERAGE:

Fermented and aged for 10 months in 100% French Oak, 25% of which were new barrels. 75% malolactic fermentation.

PRODUCTION:

1,050 cases

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