

2006 Chardonnay "21"



- WINERY:** Roger Wisted began winemaking in his parent's supermarket when he was 17 years old. Wine has had a special place in his heart ever since. An avid collector since 1973, Roger is an expert on the wines of France. In 1996 Roger founded Blackjack Ranch in Santa Barbara County. A dedicated grower, Roger supervises all of the vineyard operations and works with winemaker Patrick Muran in crafting the finest wines possible. Blackjack Ranch produces 6,000 - 12,000 cases annually.
- DESCRIPTION:** Since its founding, Blackjack Ranch has sourced all of its Chardonnay from the Estate Vineyard (planted in 1996) and from Laura Wilkening's nearby vineyard. Laura, now 95 years old planted this vineyard in 1982 when she was 69 years old. Each vineyard is 5 acres, and they are the sole sources for Chardonnay "21". Reserve chardonnays from each vineyard are available, but Chardonnay "21" is a blend of the tropical fruit laden, non-malolactic Wilkening chardonnay and the steely, mineral infused Estate fruit.
- HARVEST:** Generally the two chardonnay vineyards are harvested by hand around October 6th, but 2006 required more time to achieve physiological ripeness.
- WINE MAKING:** 100% whole cluster pressed in 3 ton lots, 150 gallons per ton. The remainder goes to the compost project. Settled for 48 hours at 45 degrees then racked off into mostly Chalafour French oak for 14 days of fermentation, then topped off and nursed for 9 - 10 months. Oak is 20% each of new, one, two, three and four year old barrels. Wine is cold stabilized prior to bottling.
- BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay
- PRODUCTION:** 1950 cases - 750ml
- ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

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