

RiverBench Vineyards

2007 Estate Chardonnay



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WINERY:

Riverbench vineyard was established in 1973, when its first chardonnay and pinot noir grapes were planted on the property. For years since then, some of the most renowned wineries in Santa Barbara County have purchased their fruit for their own wines. Over time Riverbench has become a prominent name for high quality chardonnay and pinot noir in the Santa Maria Valley.

In 2004, a group of local families purchased the property. Wine drinkers themselves, the owners quickly became enamored with the wine industry and decided to start producing their own wine label using small quantities of their exceptional fruit.

Riverbench Winery was born. Chuck Ortman is their winemaker.

DESCRIPTION:

There's something enviable about a chardonnay that is able to show balance between rich fruit flavors and a delicate buttery note. An oaked chardonnay isn't hard to find, and there certainly exists a fine line between luscious and overdone. When you find a wine this well-adjusted, you won't want to let it go. This chardonnay is truly luscious, showing tropical fruit flavors typical of our vineyard while being luxurious and substantial enough to boast a lasting finish with lingering hints of honey and apple. Perhaps you'll enjoy this one evening with grilled halibut, or as the perfect accompaniment to she-crab soup. Either way, keep a bottle in the closet for those important dinners- you're sure to win over the boss's wife.

COOPERAGE:

75% malolactic

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Aged in 35% new French oak for 10 months

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.3% by volume, pH: 3.52, TA: 6.97 g/L

BOTTLED:

September 2008

PRODUCTION:

796 cases - 750 ml

RELEASE DATE:

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