



Robert Keenan Winery

2005 Chardonnay, Napa Valley Spring Mountain District

The 2005 growing season supplied plenty of warmth to prompt Chardonnay grapes to ripen to full maturity. The fruit was hand harvested, de-stemmed, then gently pressed. Twenty percent of the juice was fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks, while eighty percent was fermented and aged in French and American oak barrels. No secondary, or malolactic fermentation was carried out, leading to the crisp, citrus character of this wine. The portion of Chardonnay aged in barrel was left on its lees and stirred weekly. The wine was bottled after approximately eight months of aging in the cellar.

The finished wine shows citrus, ripe pear and green apple in the nose. Hints of lush white peach are noticed as the wine opens up. The sur-lie aging has added richness and complexity, and plenty of oak character returns on the finish. Like all of Keenan's wines, this Chardonnay is a food worthy wine whose crisp acidity and medium body will accompany a wide variety of food fare.

Wine Data:

Alcohol: 13.9%
Total Acidity: 0.71 grams/100 ml
pH: 3.42
Residual Sugar: Dry
Bottling Date: May 4, 2006
Production: 2,050 cases
Vineyard Sources: 86% Estate, 14% Oak Knoll District