



Robert Keenan Winery

2006 Keenan Napa Valley Chardonnay “Summer Blend”

Keenan’s Summer Blend Chardonnay is a white blend composed primarily of Chardonnay. As with past vintages a small amount of Viognier has been added. Viognier is a Rhone varietal that has an intense, fruity nose showing ripe melon, peaches and floral aromas. The 2006 vintage also includes a tiny amount of Marsanne, another of the Rhone varietals. Viognier and Marsanne are both light-bodied wines, and merge wonderfully with our full-bodied Chardonnay. The Viognier and Marsanne supply an array of fruit characters to the nose of the finished wine, while the Keenan Chardonnay supplies structure and additional aromatics.

This wine is technically a Chardonnay; only ten percent Viognier and three percent Marsanne were combined with the Chardonnay, but the lighter structure of the blend prompted us to add “Summer Blend” to the label. This is a great wine to enjoy on a warm summer evening. Aromas of ripe peach, lemon zest, and pineapple augment the concentrated floral nuances. This is a medium bodied wine with crisp acidity and mouth filling flavors. Just a hint of toasty oak shows up on the finish.

Wine Data:

Alcohol: 13.9%
Total Acidity: 0.68 grams/100 ml
pH: 3.48
Residual Sugar: Dry
Bottling Date: April 17, 2007
Production: 415 cases
Blend 87% Chardonnay,, 10% Viognier,
. 3% Marsanne