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Wine Cellars



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**2010 CHARDONNAY**

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**SONOMA COUNTY**

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 225 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**The Vintage:**

The cool wet spring of 2010 created naturally low yields, followed by an exceptionally cold summer, possibly the coldest in over 100 years indicating a potentially late harvest. In August our obligatory heat spell came and went but the difference this year was it was followed by another three weeks later. Our late harvest was pushed up as fruit quickly ripened, placing it in the style of 2004. A strong weather system rolled through in late October quickening the pace of harvest but by then ripeness wasn't an issue. Production was down across the board, but the 2010 vintage turned out to be very good for Pinot Noir and an exceptional one for Chardonnay.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

This Chardonnay has good concentration with its aromas and flavors followed by a lasting finish. The nose is a youthfully coiled mix of Bosc pear, honeysuckle and white peach tied to some rich preserved lemon, vanilla custard and nutmeg. It proves as rich as expected on the palate, with lots of white peach, baked apple, citrus, and mineral flavors which continue through a long, well-stuffed finish. This is a flavor-packed wine that deserves service with full-flavored entrees. It should show ever-more depth and polish over the next year.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: January 10, 2012  
Yield: 2.2 to 3.7 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L  
pH: 3.57  
Alcohol: 14.1%

**Grape Source:**

Select vineyards in the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast

**Aging:**

14 months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 30% new; 50% from Tonnellerie Sirugue and 50% from Francois Frères

**Harvest:**

October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup> at an average sugar of 23.5 °Brix

**Release Date:**

February 27, 2012

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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