

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



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2005 CHARDONNAY

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 425 Cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.2%

#### **The Vintage:**

The 2005 vintage was the finest this winery has ever seen. Excellent for Chardonnay and especially for Pinot Noir. The yield was low due to late spring rain which caused shatter. The further west the greater the impact. The growing season was long with no weather related abnormalities which lasted well into the end of October, creating longer than normal hang time. Save for low yields a perfect vintage.

#### **Winemaker's Notes:**

If the aromas of this fine young Chardonnay are at first a hint reticent, they expand significantly with airing to reveal a wine of richness and complexity, with sweet-savory scents of roasted cereal grains, vanilla, bees wax, earth and hints of toasted coconut layered on a densely packed core of white peach and preserved lemon. On the mid-palate, the wines youthful zest again tightens things up a bit, acting as a foil to otherwise mouth-coating richness. The finish grows ever more appealing however, as a sophisticated array of white peach, bees wax, apple skin, roasted grain and lemon custard flavors fan out and linger. Although certainly delicious now, it will benefit well from a bit of cellaring and should be a wine worthy of the grandest cuisine in a year or so.

#### **Technical Notes**

Bottled: March 8, 2007  
Yield: 3.2 ton/acre average  
Total Acidity: 6.7 g/L  
pH: 3.48  
Alcohol: 14.2%  
Unfined and unfiltered

#### **Aging**

Seventeen months in 60 gallon French oak; 50% new, 50% from Tonnellerie Sirugue and 50% from Francois Freres

#### **Release Date**

May 1, 2007

#### **Grape Source**

Twin Hills - *Dijon 95 and Wente-Robert Young Selection*  
Durell Vineyard - *Wente-Hyde Selection*  
Sangiaco Green Acres Hill - *Wente-Sangiaco Selection*

#### **Harvest**

October 23 - 27 at 25.2 degree Brix average

#### **Malolactic Fermentation**

100%

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