

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2009 CHARDONNAY

SANGIACOMO 'GREEN ACRES HILL'



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 176 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

The Vintage:

The growing season for 2009 was unusual in that the fruit had an excessive amount of small berries due to early shatter. West county fruit has a reputation for this but '09 showed by far more than usual which created great concentration and depth. The weather during the growing season up to version was cool and even, almost ideal. In late August/early September we got our typical heat spike actually two within three weeks. But once again our late ripening vineyards were able to get past this with no problems. Mid September saw some light rain, which caused no issues but mid October a huge storm rolled in and we scrambled to get everything in.

Winemaker's Notes:

Green Acres Hill is always a wine of extravagant richness and that is certainly true of the 2009, yet outstandingly bright fruit and pinpoint balance may elevate it above its predecessors. The primary aromatic themes are of Fuji apples, pear skins, tarte tatin and citric zest, and these find a truly genteel partnership with less grandiloquent scents of vanilla cream wafers and coconut custard. As expected, the wine is luxuriously palate-coating, and it builds apple, pear, toasted nut, custard, nutmeg and citron flavors into an irresistible and lingering cascade. Enormously satisfying now, it may yet grow more enticing with a bit of cellar time if its obvious current appeal can be ignored. 7 barrels produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 10, 2011
Yield: 3.9 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.59
Alcohol: 14.1%
Unfined/unfiltered

Grape Source:

Sonoma Coast/Carneros
Sangiaco 'Green Acres Hill'
Vineyard: *Wente-Sangiaco*
Selection

Aging:

Sixteen months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 67% new;
50% from Tonnellerie Sirugue
and 50% from Francois Freres

Harvest:

October 10th at 24.0 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2011

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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