



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

## 2010 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

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### VINEYARD

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Since its founding in the 1972, Chalk Hill Estate has been recognized as one of California's benchmark producers. Our 1300+-acre property is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. The complexity of the terroir enables our winery to produce an extraordinary range of wines from nearly 300 acres of vineyards woven amongst the native oak woodlands, meadows and streams. Most of the fruit (86%) for our 2010 Chardonnay came from our Winery blocks planted along the rolling hillsides along Chalk Hill Road. The remainder came from our Oak Hill block.

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### WINEMAKING

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The 2010 growing season was our longest and coolest ever. The temperatures were below normal in the spring and summer, delaying the ripening process. Fortunately, our Chardonnay came in ripe and healthy at harvest. The juice was fermented with native yeasts in small French oak barrels (40% new). Regular lees stirring after fermentation enhanced the concentration and complexity of the flavors and aromatics. ~

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### TASTING NOTES

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Our estate is unique. The imprint of its terroir is readily apparent in the aromatics, flavors and textures of our wines. For Chardonnay, one of the most noteworthy traits is concentration. Our 2010 is a great example. While displaying a bit more elegance than recent vintages, the wine is still wonderfully intense and powerful with notes of baked apple, hazelnuts, lemon peel, nutmeg, brioche and cream.

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### HARVEST INFORMATION

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*Harvest Dates* OCTOBER 12 – 21, 2010

*Average Yields* 2.7 TONS/ACRE      *Average Brix* 25.1°

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### FERMENTATION/BARREL DATA

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100% NATIVE YEAST FERMENTATION IN FRENCH OAK  
WITH REGULAR BÂTONNAGE  
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

*Cooperage* FRENCH OAK, 40% NEW

*Barrel Aging* 11 MONTHS

*Bottling* UNFINED, UNFILTERED — JANUARY, 2012

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### WINE INFORMATION

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*Blend* 100% CHARDONNAY

*pH* 3.68      *TA* 5.2      *Alcohol* 14.9%

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