

## **WINE STATISTICS**

VINEYARDS: 68% Schug Estate; 20% lund; 8% Ricci Vineyard; 2% Cornerstones; 2% Smith

**APPELLATION:** 98% Carneros, 2% Sonoma Valley

**HARVEST DATES:** September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**SUGAR AT HARVEST:** 24.0 degrees Brix average

**FERMENTATION:** 100% barrel fermented and aged "sur lie" for an average of 7 months

15% of the blend underwent malo-lactic fermentation

**AGING COOPERAGE:** 41% in new French "Allier" oak barrels; 59% in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year barrels

**ALCOHOL:** 14.0% by volume

**ACIDITY:** TA = 0.75 g/100 ml; pH = 3.34

**PRODUCTION:** 413 cases (12 x 750ml); 4 cases (6 x 1.5 L)

**RELEASE DATE:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

WINERY RETAIL: \$35 per 750ml bottle, upon release

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our "Heritage Reserve" Chardonnay features the best barrels of the vintage. Separately vinified vineyard lots showing the most complex fruit were selected for further aging on the lees. Each component contributes a unique clone and microclimate signature to the blend. The resulting wine shows intense fruit aromas of ripe pear and orange liqueur, complemented by toasty oak. Complex pear, apple and citrus flavors give way to a full-bodied texture and a long finish. Try with shellfish, cream soups, chicken, veal, or rich pasta dishes. It will gain complexity with additional cellaring for 2 to 5 years from release.