

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Chardonnay

2012

Vintage:	Sixth
Composition:	100 % Chardonnay
Clone:	809
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	15
Yield:	3 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age:	10 years
Vintage Summary:	<p>The 2012 growing season started with an early bud break. Ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. The temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August, averaging 2 weeks earlier than 2011, giving very uniform clusters.</p> <p>The harvest season started off with ideal moderate temperature through September. The first half of October was warm and the harvest concluded at the end of October and early November with three rain storms.</p> <p>The wonderful set gave a bountiful yield during harvest. 50-100% tonnage increase over historical averages were seen. The berry sizes were smaller resulting in higher phenolic content while the cluster sizes were larger. The unique combination resulted in higher than normal yields while maintaining very good quality.</p>
Harvest Date:	September 26, 2012
Fermentation:	100% Barrel Fermentation
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Allier
Ageing:	French Oak, SS Bbl
New Oak Barrels:	20%
Fining/Filtering:	None/Filtered
Bottled on:	March 26, 2013
Winemaker:	Marbue Marke
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	<p>An elegant nose of tangerine, guava, jasmine, gardenia and hints of mace. A rich, citrus mouth with intense flavors of tangerine, passion fruit, honeysuckle, peach blossom, fresh fig, and refined minerality. A honeyed pineapple finish lingers.</p>
Optimal Drinking:	1 – 5 years
Production:	145 cases
Price:	\$40 / 750mL

