

VARIETAL COLLECTION
Chardonnay
2011

Vintage:	Fifth
Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clone:	809
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	15 and 4
Yield:	2 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	19 years
Vintage Summary:	The 2011 vintage was considered the toughest vintage in decades. It was a cool growing season but mild. June rains produced shatter in late developing varieties and increased mildew pressure. Regularly alternating rain and heat spells during the ripening season produced high humidity and perfect conditions for botrytis. Fortunately, at Caldwell, we were able to utilize our full time vineyard crew, high quality standards and experience to wade through the challenges. The berry sizes were smaller with good flavor but soft skins.
Harvest Date:	October 3, 2011
Fermentation:	100% Barrel
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Allier
Ageing:	10 months
New Oak Barrels:	60%
Fining/Filtering:	None/ Filtered
Bottled on:	March 12, 2012
Winemaker:	Marbue Marke
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Tropical fruits of mango, banana, orange and papaya lead this perfumed nose that also highlights pear blossom and hazelnut. A ripe apricot attack leads a juicy mouth of pear, white peach, melon and grapefruit. It finishes long with mouth watering kumquats.
Cellaring:	2 – 5 years
Production:	165 cases
Price:	\$40 / 750ml

