



*A mountain vineyard is the most beautiful sight on earth.* —MARTIN RAY

## MARTIN RAY 2006 SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS RESERVE CHARDONNAY

**THE VINEYARDS** The Martin Ray Santa Cruz Mountains Reserve Chardonnay is sourced from the distinguished Cooper-Garrod Vineyards. The vineyard soil composition is made up of adobe clay mixed with gravel and offers berries with rich, concentrated fruit flavors. This mountaintop vineyard is privileged with morning and evening fog, due to maritime influences from the San Francisco Bay. These idyllic conditions lengthen the growing season, allowing grapes to reach maturity with deep color and concentrated flavors.

**VINTAGE NOTES** The 2006 harvest was an excellent vintage for the Santa Cruz Mountains region. After a slow, wet spring, the vintage moved along quite smoothly with yields pretty close, and higher with some of the red varietals, to estimated projections. The vines produced mature, ripe and intense fruit without high sugars.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES** Our Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay begins with rich aromas, highlighted by fresh peach and vanilla. Bright flavors of crisp apple, luscious peach and soft vanilla continue in this wine leading to a rich finish balanced by creamy oak.

**FOOD & WINE PAIRING** Grilled mahi-mahi with fresh citrus and basil or halibut with light bierre blanche sauce.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL | 100% Chardonnay

RELEASE DATES | December 2007

ALCOHOL | 14.3%

BRIX AT HARVEST | 24.2

TOTAL ACIDITY | 0.50%

pH | 3.73

QUANTITY PRODUCED | 100 cases

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