



Great wine lights a fire in the soul. —MARTIN RAY

MARTIN RAY 2007 SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS RESERVE CHARDONNAY

THE VINEYARDS The Martin Ray Santa Cruz Mountains Reserve Chardonnay is sourced from the distinguished Bald Mountain Vineyard. The vineyard is located at 1,500 feet elevation in the Ben Lomond Mountain appellation of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The vineyard soil composition is sandy mixed with gravel and offers berries with rich, concentrated fruit flavors. This mountaintop vineyard faces the Pacific Ocean and is privileged with morning and evening fog, due to maritime influences. These idyllic conditions lengthen the growing season, allowing grapes to reach maturity with deep color and concentrated flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES The 2007 harvest was a week or so earlier this year, but fairly quick, compact and with lower crop yields. Early winter rainfall led to an even growing season with moderate weather conditions throughout the year. Although crop size was down, we harvested beautiful fruit which will produce wines with great intensity..

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Martin Ray summarized our winemaking method when he said: "We add nothing to our wines, nor do we take anything from them. With infinite care, we leave them alone." Ten months of aging in French oak barrels "sur-lies" develops rounder, creamier texture in the wine. Our Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay begins with rich aromas, highlighted by fresh apricots and vanilla. Bright flavors of crisp peaches, apricots 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 | August 2008

ALCOHOL | 14.6%

BRIX AT HARVEST | 24.6

TOTAL ACIDITY | 0.70%

pH | 3.67

QUANTITY PRODUCED | 540 cases

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