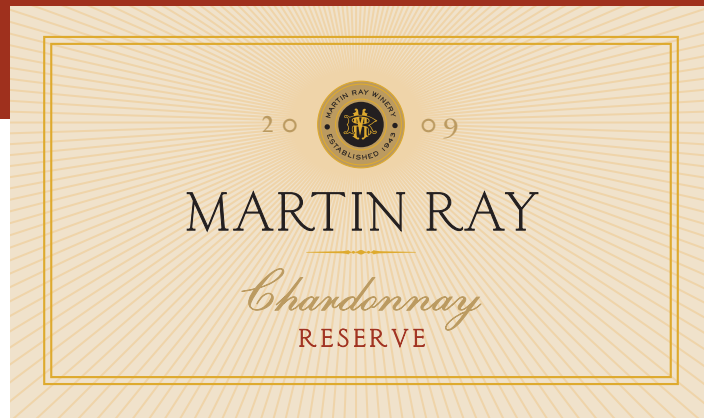




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is the most beautiful
sight on earth.*
—MARTIN RAY



MARTIN RAY 2009 RESERVE-SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 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 2009 harvest was fantastic throughout California. Abundant spring rains and a temperate growing season produced excellent fruit quality. The beautiful Indian summer weather that followed mild rain in early October allowed the grapes to reach optimum maturity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES One-hundred percent barrel fermented with ten months of aging in French oak barrels “sur-lies” develops rounder, creamier texture in the wine. Our Bald Mountain Chardonnay is a light straw color and begins with delicate, layered aromas of oak spice, lemon and ripe orchard fruit. Bright flavors of ripe peach, nectarine, honey, pineapple, citrus and vanilla crème continue in this elegantly structured wine with moderate acidity that gives it a rich, silky balance.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING Grilled mahi-mahi with basil and fresh citrus slaw, halibut with light buerre blanche sauce or angel pasta tossed with oregano, olive oil and mild garlic.

TECHNICAL NOTES

BRIX AT HARVEST | 24.8

TOTAL ACIDITY | 0.65%

ph | 3.46

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

VARIETAL | 100% Chardonnay

RELEASE DATES | September 2010