

MARTIN RAY  
WINERY  
2005

*Chardonnay*

RUSSIAN RIVER  
VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATES

April 25, 2006

ALCOHOL

14.3%

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.57%

PH

3.66

QUANTITY PRODUCED

14,600 cases

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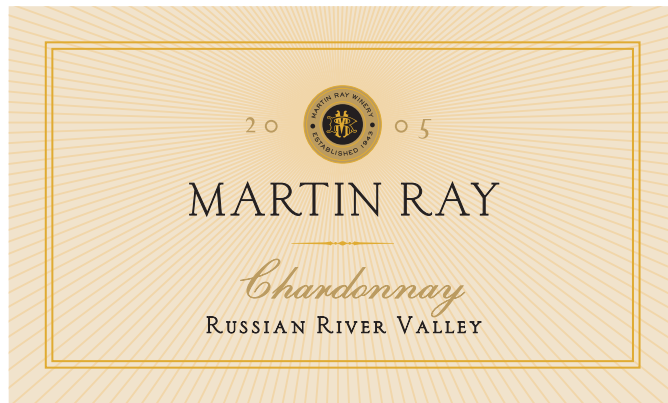
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*Great wine lights a fire in the soul.*

—MARTIN RAY

**THE VINEYARDS** The grapes for our 2005 Martin Ray Chardonnay are a unique blend of vineyards carefully selected from the cool Russian River Valley. Rich fruit characteristics and lush tropical fruit flavors emerge from these select grapes, which are picked from some of the finest vineyards in the region. Grapes harvested from the rolling hills of the Russian River Valley offer a wide range of flavors and fruit characteristics due to the microclimates created in the valley landscape.

**VINTAGE NOTES** The 2005 harvest was an excellent vintage for Sonoma County producing moderate crop yields. The slow ripening season without heat spikes contributes to the positive qualities of the fruit: intense color, concentrated flavors and beautiful aromatics. The vintage of 2005 promise wines with elegance, balance and structure.

**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 "on the lees" develops a rounder, creamier texture in the wine. Our 2005 Russian River Valley Chardonnay begins with rich aromas, highlighted by fresh peaches, apple and vanilla. The wine's superior structure and balance has a backbone of crisp apple, peach and creamy vanilla flavors that continue flawlessly on to a ripe and elegant finish.

**FOOD AND WINE PAIRING** A succulent dish of fresh lobster tails with a rich butter sauce would be an excellent match for our Chardonnay.