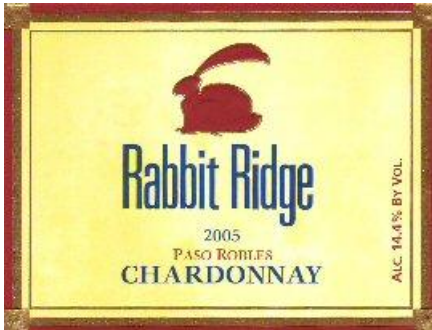




CHARDONNAY



VINTAGE 2005
APPELLATION Paso Robles
VARIETAL Chardonnay
HARVEST DATE 9/12/05 - 10/6/05
BRIX AT HARVEST 23.77
ALCOHOL 14,4%
MA 13
TA 0.439
UPC CODE 7 28691 44386 8

VINEYARD PROFILE

This 2005 Paso Robles Chardonnay is made from grapes grown on our Live Oak Road Vineyard and our neighbor's vineyard which is directly next to our Chardonnay block of fruit. Both vineyards are located off highway 46 West on the way to the coast. This area is rather cool and has very calcareous soil just like in Burgundy, France. The vines are cooled by afternoon wind and fog from the coast with a similar climate to the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County; but with the distinct advantage of limestone soil.

2005 GROWING SEASON

The 2005 California growing season was much like the 1997 growing season; long and cool giving the grapes plenty of hang-time.

AWARDS

Bronze Medal, June 2007
San Francisco International Wine Competition

Silver Medal, June 2007
31st Annual Orange County Fair Wine Competition

Silver Medal, April 2007
Pacific Rim International Wine Competition

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our Paso Robles Chardonnay is a premier Chardonnay produced by Rabbit Ridge Winery. The grapes were harvested and immediately pressed at very light pressure without skin contact and the juice was then cooled to 45 degrees and racked to barrels after two days of cold settling. The wine was barrel fermented in one and two year old Louis Latour and Francois Freres French oak combined with 100% malolactic fermentation, and was aged "sur lies" for approximately 9 months with the lees stirred twice per week for three months. There is no artificial acid added to this wine. The wine was bottled with only a light filtration as opposed to sterile bottling as many wineries do. We were able to do this because the wine is bone dry and 100% finished with malolactic fermentation. The unique design of our winery allows our bottling to be done with gravity flow rather than pumping the wine which is gentler on the grapes.

TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay is very full-bodied with rich notes of apple, vanilla and butter. 3,545 cases produced.

Visit the "Awards and Reviews" page on our website for a complete list of awards on our wines.

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