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2010 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Composition	100% Estate Grown Chardonnay
Vineyard Source	Far West Vineyard, Brown Estate
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Fermentation	Barrel fermented 30% new French Oak
Alcohol	13.8% by vol.
Production	350 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Vineyard Source

Our chardonnay vineyard is a bona fide outlier, residing at the far northwest corner of our estate property. The soil in this truly wild west vineyard is a dense gray clay, thick enough to pull your shoe off your foot should you venture out when it's damp. At four acres it typically yields a mere two tons maximum per acre. The fruit extracts from the clay soil a terrifically complex minerality that sets the resulting wine apart from typical Napa Valley chardonnay offerings.

Tasting Notes

Stunning gemstone brilliance of lemon quartz dazzles in the glass and instantly captivates the eye. The nose is instinctively drawn to the complex yet immediately gratifying bouquet that begins with predominant top notes of honeysuckle, star jasmine, and lily. Secondary notes of pineapple, kiwi, and honeyed pear follow, interwoven with candied Meyer lemon and subtle toffee-coated/buttered popcorn. Intrigue continues to unfold with textural notes of delicately toasted Spanish almonds, dusty limestone, and subtle brine. Mouth feel is immensely broad, rich, and plush, with cascading layers of tropical star apple, guava, and lychee enveloped by creamy, round texture and finishing with lemon zest – providing a delightful counterpoint between lush, creamy texture and zesty, bright acidity. Drink now through 2020.

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