



PLUMPJACK
WINERY

PlumpJack
2007 Reserve Chardonnay
Napa Valley

HARVEST...

In 2007, for the first time, we added Chardonnay from Carneros (11%) to compliment the fruit from our vineyard in St Helena (89%). We made three passes through the Chardonnay block to best ensure uniform ripeness. The cool weather during harvest allowed us to have a longer hang time for the fruit. Harvest dates for the Chardonnay were , September 3-5th in St. Helena and the 12th for our Carneros block. The average sugar at harvest was 24.0 degrees brix, a pH of 3.62 and Ta of .68 g/100ml.

FERMENTATION...

took place in 33% new French burgundy barrels(Francois Freres, Damy, Billon and Siruge), 67% in stainless steel tank. Tank fermentation took place at 52 degrees F and lasted for 28 days. The average temp for the barrels during fermentation was 58 degrees F and fermentation lasted for 26 days.

AGING...

took place in tank as well as barrel. After fermentation the tank lot was racked off of its gross lees and sulphur was added to preserve freshness and to prevent Malolactic Fermentation. The tank was stored at 48 degrees. Sulphur was added to our barrel lots as well but the wines were left on their lees. These wines received batonnage weekly for 4 months. After six months in oak and stainless steel tanks the wines were married and aged in tank for another month.

BOTTLING...

took place may 5th, 2008

OUR THOUGHTS...

The 2007 PlumpJack Reserve Chardonnay is a perfect match to prior vintages. Primary aromas of baked apple, Bartlett Pear, banana, and Pineapple give way to flavors of pineapple, guava, apple cobbler and cinnamon spice cake. In its youth this wine posses striking acidity and after a year of bottle age you can expect this wine to develop rich mouth coating textures of classic full bodied chardonnays. Given the wine's natural acidity, this wine is firm enough to age for 3-4 years.

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