

APPELLATION

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE

100% 10 to 22 year-old French oak barrels

TASTING NOTES

Done in a Chablis style with no malolactic fermentation, our 2007 Lazy Creek Vineyards Chardonnay from Anderson Valley is a food-friendly wine with aromas and flavors of Fuji apple, citrus blossom, light pear, a hint of spice, and a crushed stone minerality that lingers through the finish of this noticeably viscose, yet youthful Chardonnay.

VINTAGE NOTES

Peaceful and bucolic Anderson Valley, located just off the coastal region of Mendocino County, has warm sunny days and cool, foggy mornings and nights that are ideal for growing grapes. A cool, dry year from January to August ensured the vines set a light, small berried, intense crop. September and October were mild, with fruit picked at an even pace, making for a relatively stress-free season. The first week of October brought cool days, swiftly moving clouds, acorns rapidly dropping, leaves yellowing and chilly nights. Overall this had to be one of the fastest harvests we can remember, yielding slightly lower than average, but with incredible concentration and intensity of flavors in the grapes.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This 100% Chardonnay wine utilizes sustainable farming techniques and organic materials in the vineyards. The grapes from the low-yielding vineyard are hand-harvested, whole-cluster pressed, cold settled for one day, and then racked to tank to begin fermentation. Wine is then racked to older barrels to complete fermentation, sur lie aged and stirred once a week for two months, then blended and bottled in November, 2008.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our 2007 Lazy Creek Vineyards Chardonnay is the perfect wine to serve as an aperitif. It also pairs nicely with light-based pasta dishes, crab cakes, scallops or shell fish with a light or medium sauce, light paté, crepes, and white meats such as chicken, pork, turkey and yeal. Mild-flavored cheeses are also excellent choices.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled: November 2008 | Released: April 2010