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Vineyards & Winery  
Napa Valley

## 2009 Estate Oak Free Chardonnay Napa Valley

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### *Winemaker's Notes:*

The 2009 Oak Free Chardonnay is sharply focused with a beam of green apple, cantaloupe and a seductive aroma of fresh yeast. Vibrant and mouthwatering, the flavors of pear and melon fill the palate. It has a refreshingly clean finish that highlights the mineral and fruit qualities.

### *Growing Season:*

After several dry seasons, January 2009 started in similar fashion. February brought some storms, but the remainder of the year was short on rain. This was good for vineyard flavors and also served to moderate the yields. All of this led to wines with good structure and intensity. After nice spring conditions, June brought average temperatures, while July really turned up the heat for 2 weeks, which was followed by some hot days in August. This launched us into the harvest season.

The Chardonnay grapes for this wine were harvested at night and in the cool early morning hours of August and September to maintain the delicate fruit flavors. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were crushed and pressed into chilled tanks for settling. The clean juice was racked and fermentation was initiated in temperature-controlled storage. A long, cool fermentation allowed for excellent flavor retention. After final blending, the wine was stabilized and prepared for bottling.

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**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**pH:** 3.78

**Total Acidity:** 6.2 g/L

**Residual Sugar:** <0.03%

**Wine Alcohol:** 13.5%

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