



2009 CHARDONNAY

The 2009 Chardonnay comes from Celani Family Vineyards' estate grown, Clone 4 Chardonnay grapes. After whole-cluster pressing, the juice is fermented in 40% new French oak barrels and aged sur-les for 11 months. To retain the natural acidity, malolactic fermentation was inhibited. In the glass is a beautiful expression of varietal character: aromas of lychee, pineapple, passion fruit, stone fruit, and creamy minerality with hints of lemony custard, toasted bread and flinty gunpowder. The flavors are pure, rich and clearly defined. Exotic crisp pear and apple are beautifully complimented by tropical fruit acidity. Enjoy the 2009 Chardonnay over the next 10 years.

Wine Spectator: 92 points

Wine Enthusiast: 93 points