

## 2002 Chardonnay Russian River Valley

### Vineyards

- ◆ Vineyards: O'Connor Vineyard, Slusser
- ◆ Appellation: Russian River Valley
- ◆ Clones: Clone 4 and Clone 6
- ◆ Site: Goldridge yellow and brown sandy loam soils
- ◆ Yield: 2.5 - 3.0 tons/acre

### Harvest

- ◆ Harvest Dates: September 26 through October 17
- ◆ Harvest Brix: 24.4° & 26.4°
- ◆ Growing Season: A short and hot growing period produced very concentrated, big style wines.

### Winemaking

- ◆ Hand-harvested grapes
- ◆ Whole cluster, direct to press
- ◆ Barrel fermented with indigenous yeast, 6 months to completion
- ◆ Concurrent native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- ◆ Barrel-aged 11 months, 55% New French oak, *sur-lies* and stirred
- ◆ Bottled unfiltered, unfined December 2003

### Notes

- ◆ Straw yellow color with a slight green tint; ripe, heady aromas of peach, and baked custard. Generous flavors of tropical fruits mix with apple and vanilla notes. Opulent with a firm acidity, this lavish chardonnay is well-balanced with a crisp, lingering finish. Alcohol 14.8%

2,016 cases produced