



2009 RESERVE CHARDONNAY, CARNEROS

- Cool coastal growing regions - Carneros
- Selected from the top vineyard lots of the vintage
- Cold (48°) barrel fermentation extends yeast contact
- No Malolactic Fermentation
- Extended barrel aging for 15 months in American Oak

"This 2009 Reserve Chardonnay marks an important milestone for ZD Wines being the first Reserve Chardonnay made exclusively from the ZD Carneros Estate Vineyard. After purchasing this property in 1996, we began farming the vineyard 100% organically. The fruit was selected from one of the newer blocks (Block 4) that was replanted in 2003 to the Dijon Clone 95; a clone that tends to produce wines that are rich in flavor and well balanced. The Carneros region, with its close proximity to the San Pablo Bay, allows for a long, cool growing season. Chardonnay thrives in this environment and the additional hang time results in a perfect marriage of flavors and natural acidity. Extended cold barrel fermentation in our cellar helps to preserve distinctive fruit aromas and enough "lees contact" to produce a wonderful richness with no malo-lactic fermentation. Finally, extended aging for 15 months in small American oak barrels, selected for their delicacy, produced a wine that shows intense aromas of Asian pear, guava, apple, sweet vanilla and a hint of clove. On the palate the fruit and oak integrate nicely. Only 600 cases of this wine were produced. Enjoy with friends and family!"

- Chris Pisani, Winemaker

{ Gold Medal - *San Diego International Wine Competition 2011* }

{ Gold Medal - *Taster's Guild International Wine Judging 2011* }