



ZD 1999 Chardonnay

Winemaker's Notes

"1999 was the latest harvest in our 31-year history. Our first grapes were picked on October second and we did not harvest the last of our Chardonnay until November nineteenth. The long hang time produced fruit with intense varietal character and great balance.

This 1999 California Chardonnay exemplifies a late vintage. Caramel apple and toasty vanilla oak accentuate the pineapple and coconut aromas. On the palate, full, round, rich flavors are well balanced with an acidity that flows into a lingering and pleasing aftertaste.

I expect this one to improve for several years to come . . . but why wait, it's great now!"

-Robert deLeuze, Winemaker

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