



Alcohol:	13.5%
Barrel Aging:	Sur Lie 6 Months
Barrel Type:	French Oak, 30% New
No. of Cases:	1,500
Harvest Date:	09/09
Date Bottled:	04/10
Date Released:	05/10
Aging Potential:	3 years
Price:	\$28.00

2009 CHARDONNAY

ESTATE BOTTLED
PERSEPHONE VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Sourced from Persephone Ranch, which is located in a small sub-region of the Napa Valley, northeast of Saint Helena on the backside of Howell Mountain, the vineyard is a series of microclimates. With elevations over 700 feet, cooler morning and evening temperatures give us gorgeous Chardonnay fruit with crisp acidity, subtle minerality and a layered flavor profile.

The 2009 growing season required patience. Rainfall was approximately two-thirds of normal, but it came at the right time for the vines. Coupled with a lack of frost and a mild growing season, we experienced slow, steady fruit maturation and a perfect ripening scenario for harvest. Whole-cluster pressed, the 2009 Chardonnay was barrel aged in 100% French oak and spent six months on its lees. 100% Persephone Ranch; 100% Chardonnay; 30% new oak.

SENSORY DESCRIPTION:

With light golden hues and a nose filled with granny smith apple, ripe pear, a hint of apricot and toasted macadamia nuts; this is a full bodied beauty. Layered and well-balanced, the lovely round mid-palate, from its time "sur lie", fresh pear, butterscotch, toasted brioche and candied ginger flavors end in a long, creamy finish.