

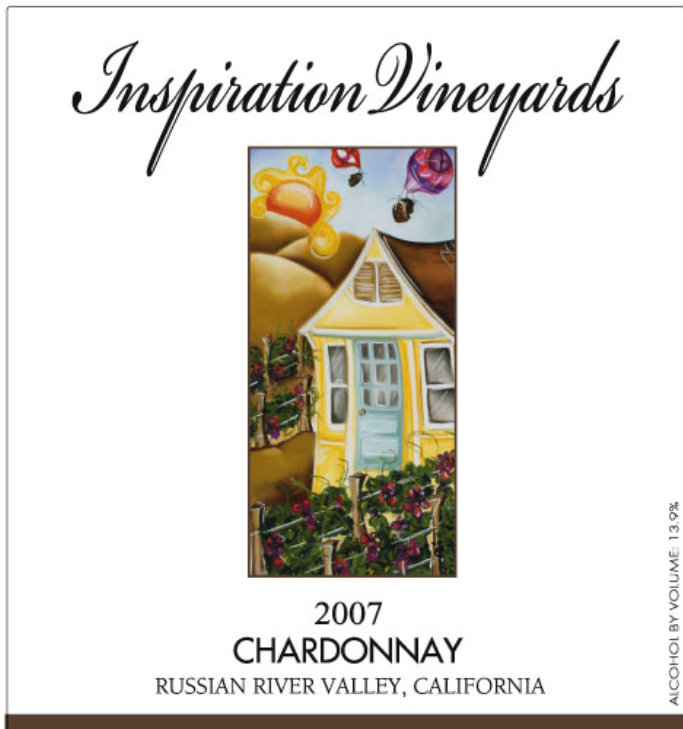


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## 2007 Chardonnay ~ Estate, Russian River Valley Technical Information



**Vineyard:** Inspiration Vineyards, Estate

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Varietal Blend:** Dijon Clone 4 on 5c rootstock

**Harvest Date:** September 8<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Brix at Harvest:** 24.5°

**Total Acid:** .64 g/L

**pH:** 3.45

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Fermentation / Cellaring:** Fermented and sur lees aged in two year old French oak barrels for 12 months. The wine and its sediment was stirred, employing a French technique called "batonage" for 9 of the 11 months that the wine was being cellared.

**Bottled Date:** September 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Release Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Cases Produced:** 192

From our own vineyards in the Russian River Valley, this wine was made to compliment food with very little oak influence allowing for a rich and intense fruit forward wine.

**Tasting Notes:** One word describes this wine, Burgundian! We are regularly asked "what wine are you known for?" This one is it! This is partly because this is one of our two estate grown wines and partly because we make this wine in a very traditional French Burgundy way. Our 2007 vintage is no different; fermented and aged in 3 year old French oak, this wine was stirred weekly on its lees for 8 months before its first rack. You will find a perfect balance of acid and fruit with vanilla on the nose followed by some minerality and an abundance of pears and apples on the finish; *this wine is also unfiltered.*

