



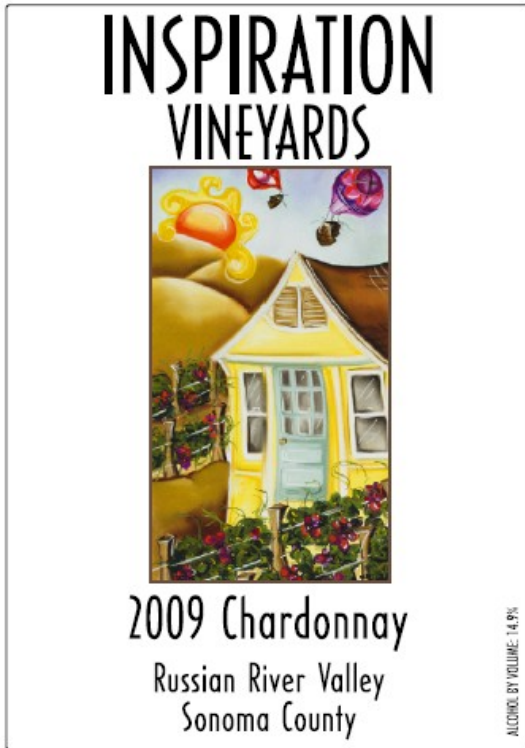
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## 2009 Chardonnay ~ Estate, Russian River Valley Technical Information



**Vineyard:** Inspiration Vineyards, Estate  
**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

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

**Harvest Date:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Brix at Harvest:** 24.6°

**Total Acid:** .57 g/L

**pH:** 3.55

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Fermentation / Cellaring:** For the first two weeks, fermentation occurred in tank at 40° F. It was then racked to French barrels, 20% new, the remaining two years old. The wine was then sur lees aged until bottling. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Release Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011

**Cases Produced:** 174

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:** Burgundian in style, our Chardonnay is distinctive, reflecting the Russian River Appellation where it's grown. Warm days and cool nights help develop good acid; our slow barrel fermentation in neutral French oak along with weekly lees stirring creates a wonderful mouth feel while also preserving the fruity characteristics of this wine. Allowed to naturally go through maloactic fermentation, 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; like our red wines, this wine is **unfiltered**.

