



CHARLES CREEK

VINEYARD

2009 Chardonnay
Saralee Vineyard
Russian River Valley/ Sonoma County

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey
Production: 209 cases
Date of Bottling: October 14, 2010

Appellation: Sonoma County 98% Saralee Vineyard - Russian River Valley
2% Sangiacomo Vineyard-Sonoma Valley/Carneros

The Vintage: A long, near-perfect growing season with mild to warm temperatures and very few heat-spikes resulted in a textbook 2009 vintage-at least for the early ripening varietals (such as our Chardonnays and Pinot Gris). The cool temperatures in the Russian River Valley ensured bright, lively acidity and well developed fruit flavors.

The Blend: 100% Chardonnay
100% Barrel fermented, new and seasoned French Oak
50% Malolactic fermentation

The Wine: A Charles Creek first! This classic Chardonnay from the justly famous Saralee Vineyard in Sonoma's Russian River Valley is a plush, richly fruited, moderately oaked gem. Ripe apple, pear and spice aromas lead to somewhat confectioned flavors of tree fruits and pie spice with hints of oak-derived butterscotch and vanillin enlivened by cool-climate acidity.

Serve with: Richly flavored pork, poultry or seafood dishes (and cream sauces) or flavorful but mildly spiced Asian cuisine.

The Stats: Alc: 14.78%
TA: .64 mg/100 ml
pH: 3.33
RS: nil