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**~ New Release ~**

***The best of the best is bottled again...***

**Vista del Halcon, 2001 Hawk Hill Chardonnay**

**Glen Ellen, CA** – Situated high above the tree line, with a **hawk's eye view** of Sonoma's *Valley of the Moon*, Charles Creek Vineyard has again found the best of the best... and has bottled it!

**Vista del Halcon, 2001 Hawk Hill Chardonnay.**

*Vista del Halcon, translated from Spanish, means "Eye of the Hawk"*

"Vista del Halcon fits our criteria," says Bill Brinton. "The grapes come from the famous Russian River Valley vineyard, *Hawk Hill*. Although the grapes are grown in the Russian River Valley appellation, the flavor profile is in line with a lean, cool climate Chardonnay. The unique terroir of the Hawk Hill Vineyard, located at the southwestern most corner of Russian River Valley, makes this wine exceptional."

Hawk Hill Vineyard's AVA guidelines allow it to not only fall into Russian River Valley, but it is also considered part of Sonoma Coast's viticultural region. Hawk Hill is situated

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at the high point of the Russian River plain, that begins at the Pacific Ocean and ends at the Mayacama Mountains. The vineyard is characterized by cool growing conditions, typical of the Sonoma Coast.

“We only produced 450 cases of this Chablis-style Chardonnay,” states Bill Brinton, “and we’re extremely pleased with this next, new release. With its wonderful balance of acid and sugar, the Vista del Halcon 2001 Hawk Hill Chardonnay pairs well with many foods, including cream-based pastas, as well as chicken and fish dishes.”

Bill and Gerry Brinton’s chronology:

- January 2002 – Founded **Charles Creek Cellars**; Sonoma Mountain, Glen Ellen
- March 15, 2002 – Released a proprietary Bordeaux-style blend, **2000 Miradero**
  - Received a score of **90 points** at the California State Fair
- July 2002 – Bought the assets of Cale Winery, including the contract for Chardonnay grapes from the Sangiacomo Vineyards
  - August 2002 – Released **2001 Las Patolitas Chardonnay** (Sangiacomo Vineyards)
  - September 2002 – Received a **Best of Class & Gold Medal** at the Sonoma County Harvest Fair for the 2001 Las Patolitas Chardonnay.
  - *EDITORIAL NOTE: February 6, 2003 – 2003 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Las Patolitas received a **Gold Medal***
- **January 6, 2003 – Releasing 2001 Vista del Halcon, Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay (Suggested retail is \$21.99)**

In the 2002 Sonoma County Harvest Fair wine competition, the 2001 Vista del Halcon, "Hawk Hill" Chardonnay garnered a silver medal... a shining promise of great things to come from this brand new label and newly released wine.

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