



TALLEY
VINEYARDS

2009 Estate Chardonnay Arroyo Grande Valley

The 2009 year began with a cold winter which led to some frost damage. Bud break was very even and the remainder of the year was marked by mild temperatures and healthy, even vine growth. An intense heat wave occurred in early September causing many grapes to ripen simultaneously. The harvest in the Arroyo Grande Valley was slightly larger than average and the quality of the fruit was exceptional with concentrated, intense flavors.

- ∞ Produced entirely from estate grown chardonnay grapes from the Arroyo Grande Valley, 78% Rincon Vineyard, 22% Rosemary's Vineyard
- ∞ Hand-harvested September 8-October 12, 2009
- ∞ Naturally barrel fermented with wild yeasts
- ∞ Aged 11 months, *sur lie*, in 30% new French oak barrels
- ∞ Gently bottled in December of 2010
- ∞ 5,821 cases produced

The 2009 Estate Chardonnay has aromas of lemon verbena, mandarin, jasmine, and roasted almond. On the palate, this wine features layers of citrus, green apple, and minerals that lead into a refreshing and elegant finish. This well balanced chardonnay pairs nicely with sea scallops as well as grilled chicken.