

PEDRONCELLI

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2002 F. JOHNSON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY DRY CREEK VALLEY

SINGLE VINEYARD SELECTION

Fruit for this Chardonnay came entirely from Frank Johnson Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley. Two appellations meet in this vineyard: Russian River Valley on the south side and Dry Creek Valley to the north. Located less than two miles from the Russian River, the cool micro-climate (influenced by marine fog layers and the confluence of Dry Creek and Russian River), combined with the alluvial soils, provide exceptional fruit and balance. The fruit was thinned ("dropped") three separate times before harvest to decrease the yield and increase quality. Nice acid levels at harvest.

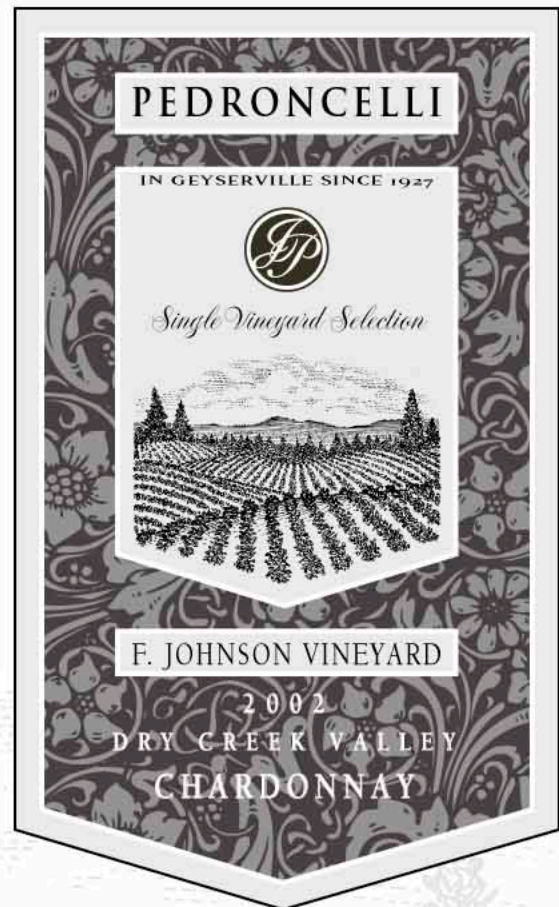
WINEMAKING

At Pedroncelli Winery, the winemaking goal is clear, showcase the distinctive fruit of each varietal. This focus on fruit is particularly important in Chardonnay, where oak serves as an accent rather than a dominant flavor component.

One hundred per cent of the production was fermented in French and American oak barrels. This vintage, a different yeast strain, isolated from Burgundy, was chosen in order to create round, creamy and slight hazelnut notes. The wine was then aged sur-lies and stirred weekly for seven months. The resulting wine is full-bodied, highlighting the rich chardonnay fruit.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Barrel aging: Seven months in French & American oak barrels
Alcohol: 14.05% pH: 3.40
Total acidity: .660g/100ml
Production: 586 cases Bottled: May 16, 2003



TASTING NOTES

What a great Chardonnay! This wine retains all the delicate fruit flavors of a great Chardonnay. Barrel fermentation adds a creamy, rich mouthfeel without overwhelming oakiness. Crisp flavors of pineapple, apple and peach layered with a soft, slight hazelnut finish. One of my favorites...both to make and to drink. Enjoy with roasted chicken or pasta in cream sauces.

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