



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2010 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
Charles Heintz Vineyard

Tasting Notes

Our 2010 Charles Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay is an exceptional example of the subtlety and delicacy that well-crafted Sonoma Coast-grown Chardonnay can attain. The inviting nose conjures up honeydew melon, wet stone, and light brown sugar. In the mouth, flavors of lemon curd and golden delicious apple layer with delicate barrel spice and vanilla cream soda.

The Heintz Vineyard is located in Occidental, near the rocky Sonoma County coastline. The 30-year-old Chardonnay vines are planted on deep, desirable Gold Ridge Sandy Loam top-soils - to which many attribute the unique varietal expression shown by Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grown in the Sonoma Coast and Russian River appellations. The nearby Pacific brings deep and cooling fog over the vineyard nightly during the growing season, encouraging patient ripening and the development of delicate flavors.

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and- recently heralded by Robert Parker as one of the top nine winemakers in the world. *“Where possible, I will minimize winemaking techniques in the cellar so I can create a wine that tells the story of the vineyard. In the end, it must be about the fruit.”*

Wine Facts

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Charles Heintz Vineyards, Sonoma Coast
Production:	454 cases
Harvest Date:	October 5, 2010
Cooperage:	75% new French oak: Francios Freres, Rousseau, Damy
Bottle Date:	April 18, 2012
Release Date:	Scheduled for June 2012

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