



2005 Chardonnay Sonoma

Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Sonoma
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	August 2006
Case Production	2100 cases

Our 2005 Sonoma Chardonnay from Dutton and Ritchie vineyards is crisp and delicious, crafted from gnarled old Russian River vines in sandy loam soils. The wine has a distinctly toasty and tropical nose this year with aromas of custard and meringue. Framed in spicy oak and loaded with ripe citrus and apricot fruit flavors, the wine is balanced, rich, and refreshing, with trademark Meyer lemon zest on the finish.

“Immensely fruity and redolent of juicy apples and very ripe pears in both its concentrated aromas and dense, noticeably toasty, oak-sweetened flavors, this deep and very rich wine is presently focused on its youthful vivacity but has the careful balance to commend a bit of time in the cellar. It shows a conspicuous trim of finishing heat, but its tireless fruit powers through at the end, and meal-time matching with full-flavored foods will work to smooth its slightly ragged finish.”

- *Connoisseur's Guide*

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