

2009 BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY



**FLORA
SPRINGS.**

WINERY & VINEYARDS

Winemaker Notes

In 1980, at a time when Chardonnay was the true Ambassador for wines from the New World, Flora Springs began its reign as one of the great Chardonnays from Napa Valley. Disregarding trends, Flora Springs continues to craft its Barrel Fermented Chardonnay in a style that has inspired white wine producers and created loyal Chardonnay connoisseurs for the last 30 years. The 2009 vintage offers rich flavors of peach and pear with a hint of pineapple on the palate. Each vintage we strive to find a balance between the rich flavors of our St. Helena and Oakville Chardonnay with the acidity and minerality of our Carneros fruit. For 2009 we further enhanced the wine by allowing 21% of the blend to go through malolactic fermentation. You wouldn't believe the excitement in the cellar when we passed the final blend around the table – tropical fruit, richness, complexity, spandex? – it's 1980 all over again!

All The Facts

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| Appellation: | Napa Valley |
| Varietal: | 100% Chardonnay (57% Carneros, 27% Oakville, 16% St. Helena) |
| Case Production: | 904 |
| Aging: | 9 months, 50% new French oak |
| Suggested Retail Price: | \$30 |
| Enjoyability: | Drink now through 2014 for optimum enjoyment. |

On the Vine

The long running success of our Barrel Fermented Chardonnay is dependent on four of our select sustainably farmed vineyards: Lavender Hill and Sunset Knoll in Carneros, Crossroads Ranch in Oakville, and P&J in St. Helena. Each vintage the grapes sourced from our Crossroads Ranch provide winemaker Paul Steinauer with the perfect building blocks to create the Barrel Fermented Chardonnay. The vineyard, located near Conn Creek and the Napa River, presents a nearly perfect climate for Chardonnay with afternoon breezes and cool morning fog playing ideal bookends to the long warm days of summer. Paul is then able to use the sweet fruit flavors from our Patrick & Julia vineyard and the structured bright acidity from our Lavender Hill and Sunset Knoll vineyards in Carneros to create a supple Chardonnay with complexity and elegance.