

Estate expression • Elevated vineyards • Rare

Our Highland Estates wines showcase our estate properties located on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in cool coastal California vineyards. This series is all about *terroir*. Each label has a pictorial representation of the estate vineyard from which the fruit was sourced. The combination of soil, elevation and climate on each estate is a key contributor to the wine's distinct style.

PINER HILLS

2007 CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

Russian River Valley

Composition:

100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging:

Aged 10 months in 49% new French oak barrels

Cases Produced: 81

Alcohol: 14.5

TA: .60 g/100 ml

pH: 3.42

ACCOLADES

93 Points - Outstanding

"...a complex Chardonnay offering a good, steely minerality, notes of tangerines, nectarines, and quince, a honeyed character, and full body."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

The Wine Advocate, 12/23/08

KEY POINTS

Elevation: 100 – 150 feet above sea level.

Source: Russian River in Sonoma County, 100% Chardonnay

Clonal Selection: 95, 76 and 4

Soil: Huichica Clay. This is a very limiting sandy loam soil with a rooting zone of 2 to 4 feet. It has an impenetrable cemented layer of ash and gravel beneath the topsoil, limiting vine growth and intensifying the fruit flavors in autumn.

Flavor Profile: Elusive notes of golden ripe pear drizzled with caramel and a hint of smoky toasted grain. Finishes with a lemony mineral brightness.

Climate: Overlooks the Santa Rosa Plain that surrounds it to the south and east. The year-round cool environment created by the influx of cool breezes tempers the exotic fruit flavors of the grapes.

