

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 powerful style.

## SECO HIGHLANDS

### 2005 CHARDONNAY

ARROYO SECO

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:**

Arroyo Seco

**Composition:**

100% Chardonnay

**Barrel Aging:**

Aged 8 months in medium toast  
French oak barrels, 35% new

**Cases Produced:** 570

**Alcohol:** 14.5

**TA:** .61 g/100 ml

**pH:** 3.60

#### ACCOLADES

*93 Points*

*"Offers up exotic aromas of tropical  
fruits, spring flowers, and a hit of litchi.  
Full-bodied with admirable fruit purity  
and presence as well as a striking  
minerality."*

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

*The Wine Advocate*, 12/26/06

#### KEY POINTS

**Elevation:** 250 – 350 feet above sea level.

**Source:** Arroyo Seco in Monterey County,  
100% Chardonnay

**Clonal Selection:** Rued and Dijon 76. The Rued imparts a  
Muscat/Gewürztraminer nose. The Dijon 76 a  
floral Viognier hue.

**Soil:** Western slope of Arroyo Seco region that is an  
alluvial bench of sandy loam and gravel soils.

**Flavor Profile:** Hints of buttery oak support a floral citrus note  
that whimsically teases the Chardonnay aficionado.

**Climate:** Quite windy, yet nestled against the Santa Lucia  
mountains reducing the wind factor. Fog is  
usually thick in the evenings, coming in daily  
from the Monterey Bay.

