



JACKSON ESTATES GROWN

## CHARDONNAY

CALIFORNIA 2005

VINTNER'S RESERVE®

### WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

For more than two decades, Kendall-Jackson has remained relentlessly committed to leading the industry by producing only the finest quality wines from grapes grown on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in California's most desirable growing regions. This wine is particularly exceptional in that all the Chardonnay grapes used were grown on vineyards that we own or control via a long-term lease or similar arrangement.

Controlling our own vineyards means that we have oversight into every aspect of the grape-growing process ensuring that our grapes are the most elite. We then handcraft each vineyard lot throughout the entire winemaking process so that our blend is unmatched in its tier and consistently exhibits our signature rich layers of flavor combined with delicate balance.

### KEY POINTS

- 100% Jackson Estates Grown Chardonnay
- Grown in California's cool coastal vineyards
  - Monterey County for citrus and lime flavors
  - Santa Barbara County for mango and pineapple flavors
  - Mendocino County for apple and pear flavors
- Handcrafted in small vineyard lots throughout the entire winemaking process
- Whole cluster pressed to retain the fresh fruit qualities without the bitterness from stems and seeds
- 89% barrel fermented in predominately French (58%) oak barrels for richness, toastiness and complexity
- 3 months sur lie aging for our signature velvety texture and creamy flavor

### TASTING NOTES

*"Tropical flavors such as mango and pineapple dance with aromas of peach, apple and pear. Richly layered and balanced throughout. Lightly buttered toast headlines the indulgent, lingering finish."*

Randy Ullom, Winemaster

### ACCOLADES

- 89 Points - "Loads of tropical fruit, surprisingly deep texture, medium body and wonderful purity results in crisp, elegant, dry Chardonnay. This is unquestionably one of the worlds finest Chardonnay bargains." - Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s *The Wine Advocate*, 12/26/06
- "No wine is more responsible for the popularity of California Chardonnay than Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve. When they build the California Wine Hall of Fame, it will be one of the first inductees." - Mike Dunne, *Sacramento Bee* 1/4/06
- #1 Selling Chardonnay nationwide for 16 years running - IRI Total Dollar Sales, 1992-2006

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

California

Composition:

100% Chardonnay

Growing Regions:

45% Monterey county  
33% Santa Barbara county  
19% Mendocino county  
3% Other coastal regions

Alcohol: 13.5%

T.A.: 0.71/100ml

pH: 3.35

