

Ultra Premium  
Limited production Wines



Producers of ÆROS®  
Collector Series Wines

## ÆROS®

Late Harvest Chardonnay  
Vintage 1997

Produced & Bottled by Goosecross Cellars

*"In Vino Veritas"*  
*In Wine there is Truth*

ÆROS Estate vintage 1997 late harvest Chardonnay is the third late harvest Chardonnay ever to be released by Goosecross Cellars and will prove to be worthy of the ultra-premium label that adorns the bottle...ÆROS.

Twice each day the grapes were sprayed with water to encourage the botrytis mold. Fair weather, cooler moist evenings, foggy mornings and warm humid days gave our winemaker all the luck that nature could provide and more than he could ask for to make this extraordinary dessert wine. The grapes were pressed in a wood basket screw press. Hand bottled and hand labeled with a total production of only 48 cases.

With the luck of botrytis for this late harvest, the grapes exhibited intense and complex characteristics that only nature can provide on rare occasion. Light textures caress the palette with a gentle mixture of honey, apricot and peach with a touch of toasted oak vanilla. This wine is truly succulent...smooth...well balanced.

### Food Suggestions

Our winemaker highly suggests pairing this luscious dessert wine with fresh fruit, cheese, fruit sorbet, and strawberry shortcake. This wine is the perfect finale for your Thanksgiving dinner when served with various pies and other decadent desserts.

### Technical Notes

Release Date:	October 1998
Total Cases:	48 (12-bottle cases)
Bottle size (ml):	375ml
Appellations:	Goosecross "Estate" 65% Napa & Napa Carneros blend 35%
Component:	100% Chardonnay
Alcohol:	12.8%
Total Acidity:	0.68
pH:	3.61
Residual Sugar:	8.8%
Brix:	33.5 (at harvest)
Botrytis	30%
Stainless Fermented:	100%
Oak Aging:	4 Months in French Oak/Center of France (COF)
Harvest Date:	October 7, 1997
Bottled:	March 1998
Suggested Peak Aging:	4 years from bottling date



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