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Goosecross “Signature Style” Chardonnay Vintage 1997

To utilize the best balance of sugar and pH at the Estate, the grapes were picked at sugar levels similar to vintages 1992 through 1995 in order to maintain ideal consistency between vintage years. As in the past, Goosecross chose not to use pesticides in our farming practices.

Winemaker Notes

Advanced and well-practiced winemaking skills were continued for vintage ‘97 grape crush with the controlled use of our bladder press. Gentler grape pressing produced softer, full-bodied Chardonnay flavors. To ensure a successful marriage of the master blend, Goosecross Winemaker Geoff Gorsuch, utilized French, American and Hungarian Oak to further develop the barrel/wine program. Each barrel from each forest offered individual and distinct flavors during fermentation and subsequent aging, producing our signature Chardonnay.

The culmination of the blend is an intense fully ripe fruit character of baked apple, guava, orange, cinnamon, lemon, and vanilla toasted oak. The nose is rich of lemon blossom and peach. This is a well-balanced wine with complex body and structure. When cellared properly, this vintage can be enjoyed for several years from release date.

Food Suggestions

Our winemaker highly suggests pairing this wine with grilled salmon, an array of pastas and spicy Italian foods, swordfish, thresher shark, duck, chicken, and turkey.

Technical Notes

Release Date:	September 1999
Total Cases:	5542
Grape Appellations:	Napa Carneros Napa Yountville
Component:	100% Chardonnay
Alcohol:	13.8%
Total Acidity:	.54
pH:	3.57
Residual Sugar (Brix):	Dry
Barrel Fermented:	50%
French Oak:	70% (Nevers, Alliers & COF)
American Oak:	30%
Oak Aging:	7 Months
Harvest Date(s):	Aug. 24, Sept. 10, 1997
Bottled:	July 1998

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