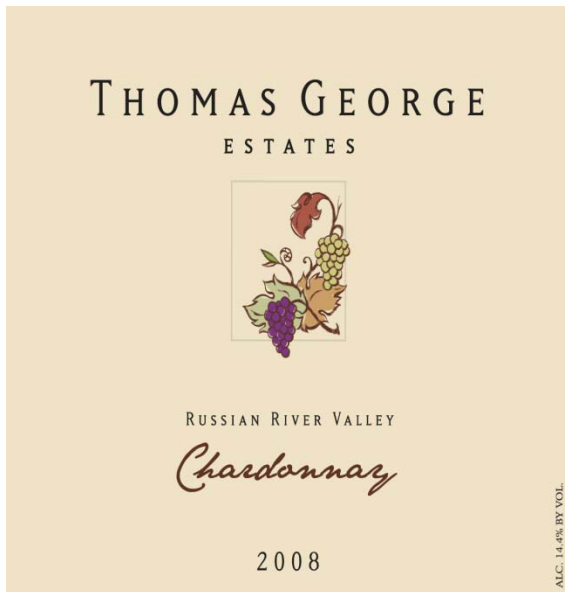


THOMAS GEORGE
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2008
Russian River Valley
Chardonnay



Winemaker:
Chris Russi

% EtOH:
14.4%

Case Production:
457 Cases

Residual Sugar:
None detected

Closure:
Cork/Foil

pH/Ta:
3.61 / 6.75 g/L

Barrels:
100% French oak, 20% new

Pack Size:
12 bottles/case

About the Wine: Our 2008 Russian River Chardonnay was harvested from the Adams vineyard in Russian River Valley. These vines were planted in 1985-1986 in deep loam soils on the valley floor, approximately 1000 meters from the Russian River on the west side. While there is some subsurface irrigation, this vineyard is mostly dry farmed.

This Chardonnay was harvested on October 1, 2008 with a brix of 23.8 degrees. Barrel fermentation, monthly lees stir, and 10% malolactic conversion encourage its richness.

Exhibits a sweet bouquet of buttery pear, apple and tropical fruit and a hint of lemon custard. The immediate impact on the palate is that of apple pie. Mid-palate is sweet vanilla oak, pear and apple fruit, followed by a surprising burst of acidity. The finish is crisp lemon peel, leaving a sense of chewiness felt in the cheeks. Overall, a well-balanced, bright wine.