

Kistler Vineyards



2007 Vine Hill, Russian River Chardonnay

22 years old, and planted in the sandy soils on the crest of an ancient sea bed, our Vine Hill vineyard produces one of our favorite and finest wines. It is one of the last vineyards we harvest every year. The deep rooted vines are mostly dry farmed; having their purchase well below the soil line where they are able to weather the variations of any given vintage. Planted to California Heritage clones, as are all of our vineyards, Vine Hill since its inception has delivered the vibrant, lively fruit essential to our successes in the cellar. Vine Hill consistently provides us with concentrated, impeccably balanced wines of resounding natural acidity, striking mineral tones and an underlying essence of orchard fruits.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay

Whole cluster pressed

100% malolactic fermentation in barrel

50% new 3 year air dried French oak barrels, 50% one year old barrels

Aged Sur Lie 11 months

Bottled without filtration or fining.

Tasting Notes:

Green-tinged pale yellow. Pungent aroma of lime blossom, minerals, and earth. Tightly coiled and vibrant, with terrific energy and spine. A wonderfully dense wine finishing with powerful wet stones' minerality.