

LA FOLLETTE



2008

Chardonnay

APPELLATION	Mendocino Ridge
CLONES	Old Wente, Dijon 76 and 809
FERMENTATION	Some skin contact and inoculation for the 809 clone, native fermentations in French oak barrels for the Old Wente and 76
AGING	<i>sur lie</i> with early <i>bâttonage</i>
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PRODUCTION	272 cases

Manchester Ridge Vineyard, Mendocino Ridge

Effusive aromas of gardenia, honeydew, white peach, and lemon balm on the nose. Displaying pineapple, papaya and guava with time in the glass. A prick of acidity on the entry leads to green apple freshness on the palate, and a touch of creaminess on the late-palate balances this multi-layered wine. This is surely a Chardonnay for the skeptics.

Manchester Ridge Vineyard is perched at 2,000 ft. elevation overlooking the Manchester plain in Mendocino County with a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean. Winters are moderated by the maritime climate and bud-break is early (February to early March). Shoot growth is slow through the relatively cool summer, which allows a long hang time for flavor development and ripeness. We take three clones from this exceptional site, which are vinified separately to provide individual contributions to the final blend.

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