

oakville ranch napa valley 2003 chardonnay

A bright and vibrant wine from a single vineyard block. Smooth and rich with a crisp, natural acidity and minerality that indicates its cellar worthiness.

listen...savor...and enjoy...

Ray Charles and Norah Jones, "Here We Go Again" Mary Miner, Owner
Annie Lennox, "Downtown Lights" Ashley Heisey, Winemaker
Van Morrison, "Perfect Fit" Paula Kornell, General Manager

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| Appellation | 100% Napa Valley, Oakville District 100% Oakville Ranch, Vista Block |
| Varietal | 100% Chardonnay |
| Harvest Date | September 17, 2003 |
| Fermentation | 14 Days |
| Barrel Aging | 8 months in French oak barrels Batonage during first 6 months |
| Bottling Date | August 5, 2003 |
| Analysis | 14.0% Alcohol 3.38 pH 0.56 TA |
| Production | 290 Cases, plus 10 Cases Magnums |

Located on a sloping plateau that rises to 1,400 feet above the Silverado Trail on the East side of the Napa Valley, Oakville Ranch was one of the Oakville appellation's pioneering vineyards. Since then, several other highly regarded and prestigious wineries have become neighbors, drawn to this hillside for its powerful, signature-red volcanic soils. In 1989, when Bob and Mary Miner purchased the 350-acre ranch, 55 acres of vineyards were planted to Chardonnay and Bordeaux varietals - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc.

Through the years, the vineyards have been meticulously tended. Additional small vineyard enclaves have been developed as certain sites have revealed their promise. The shallow and miserly rocky soils slowly release their Spartan nutrients, naturally limiting the grape crop to an intense few bunches per vine.