

oakville ranch napa valley 2004 chardonnay

Smooth and rich with a crisp, natural acidity and minerality that indicates its cellar worthiness. A bright and vibrant wine from two vineyard blocks, Vista & Deep "V".

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

Neil Young, "Old Laughing Lady" Mary Miner, Owner

Lyle Lovett, "This Old Porch" Ashley Heisey, Winemaker

Pink Martini, "Hang On Little Tomato" Paula Kornell, General Manager

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| Appellation | 100% Napa Valley, Oakville District 100% Oakville Ranch - 59% Vista Block, 41% Deep "V" |
| Varietal | 100% Chardonnay |
| Harvest Date | August 30 & 31, 2004 |
| Fermentation | 20 Days |
| Barrel Aging | 8 months in French oak barrels Batonage during first 6 months |
| Bottling Date | April 11, 2005 |
| Analysis | 14.6% Alcohol 3.52 pH 0.59 TA |
| Production | 350 Cases, plus 8 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.