

oakville ranch napa valley 2005 chardonnay

Chardonnay for the purist. Crisp, natural acidity and the ranch's distinctive "minerality" are evident in the bright and vibrant wine from two vineyard blocks, Vista & Plateau. Belly integrated oak flavors provide nuance and spice. Cellar worthy.

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

José Feliciano, "Light my Fire" Mary Miner, Owner

Bonnie Raitt, "Sweet Forgiveness" Ashley Heisey, Winemaker

Beach Boys, "Good Vibrations" Paula Kornell, General Manager

Appellation	100% Napa Valley, Oakville District 100% Oakville Ranch - 90% Vista Block, 10% Plateau "N"
Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date	September 27, 2005
Fermentation	16 days
Barrel Aging	8 months in French oak barrels, 52% new Batonage during first 6 months
Bottling Date	April 3, 2005
Analysis	14.9% Alcohol 3.39 pH 0.65 TA
Production	574 Cases, plus 6 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.