



## 2005 PAHLMAYER SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

<b>Release Date:</b>	September 1, 2007	<b>Bottled:</b>	August 23, 2006
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$70 per bottle	<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.9%
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Erin Green	<b>PH:</b>	3.63
<b>Harvest dates:</b>	October 4 to October 27, 2005	<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.585
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Chardonnay	<b>Crushing Regime:</b>	100% Whole Cluster, Direct to Press
<b>Vineyard Composition:</b>	99% Ritchie, 1% Wayfarer	<b>Fermentation:</b>	100% Wild, Native Yeast

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, sourced almost completely from the Ritchie Vineyard (99% Ritchie, 1% Wayfarer Farm), located outside of the town of Forestville, is another stunning example of how good wines from the Sonoma Coast appellation can become. This wine offers complex, mouth filling flavors of citrus, tropical fruit, leesy minerality and spice. The creamy oak and bright acidity balance these rich flavors perfectly.

### RATINGS:

**In the February, 2006, issue of *The Wine Advocate*, Robert Parker noted:**

*... The 2005 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast (1,100 cases) exhibits wonderful tropical fruit notes interwoven with pineapple, buttered citrus, and leesy, brioche-like characteristics. This complex effort is capable of lasting for 7-8 years. Most of the fruit for this cuvee comes from an old Wente clone planted in the Ritchie Vineyard. 92-94 Points*

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June 07:**

*(\$70; from Ritchie Vineyard; aged in Francois Freres barrels, 90% new) Slightly hazy yellow-gold color. Enticing nose combines ripe pineapple, ripe citrus and spices. Dense and thick but minerally and fresh, with sweet tropical fruit, apricot and spice flavors enlivened by pineappley acidity. A big boy at 15.2% alcohol but with sound backbone. 92 points*

**Wine Spectator, June 31, 2007 issue:**

*A ripe, opulent style, with a sweet spot in the middle of the pear and apple notes. For all its concentration and richness, this picks up a nice touch of smoky, toasty oak and lingers on the finish. Drink now through 2011. 88 points*

### AVAILABILITY:

The Pahlmeyer 2005 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay will be available beginning September 1, 2007 directly from the winery and through our network of fine restaurants and retail merchants around the world. For further information, please visit us at [www.pahlmeyer.com](http://www.pahlmeyer.com).