



2006 PAHLMAYER NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Release Date:	June 1, 2008	Bottled:	August 28, 2007
Suggested Retail:	\$70 per bottle	Alcohol:	14.9%
Winemaker:	Erin Green	PH:	3.66
Harvest dates:	September 26 to October 21, 2006	Total Acidity:	0.616
Composition:	100% Chardonnay	Crushing Regime:	100% Whole Cluster, Direct to Press
Vineyard		Fermentation:	100% Wild, Native Yeast
Composition:	45% Waters Ranch, 39% Atlas Peak, 15% Berlenbach, 1% Wayfarer		

TASTING NOTES:

The 2006 Napa Valley Chardonnay, aged in 90% new French oak, is concentrated and intense in style. Aromas of hazelnut, mineral, tropical fruit and exotic lychee combine with a rich, creamy and complex palate that is kept balanced and lively with perfectly integrated acidity and toasty oak components. The wine ends with a long and lingering finish.

RATINGS:

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #174, December 2007:

Ever since Demi Moore tried to seduce Michael Douglas in the blockbuster movie "Disclosure," Pahlmeyer's Chardonnay has been a hot ticket. What might get lost in the glare of Hollywood is that the wine is superb. The 2006 Chardonnay (3,000 cases) is just as good. Slightly fuller-bodied, with zesty acidity and fabulous notes of brioche, quince, and again some leesiness, the wine has a nice greenish hue to the light gold color, subtle smoke, and a dense, rich mouthfeel. It should drink nicely for 5-7 years. **95 points**

Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, May/June 2008:

Full, deep yellow. Nose dominated by pineapple. Large-scaled and mouthfilling, with powerful pineapple and spice flavors. Big and plump, if not quite as focused as the Sonoma Coast example; this comes across as a bit more fruity and less phenolic. Fans of in-your-face, unsubtle chardonnays may rate these wines higher than I have. **90 points**

Wine Spectator Insider, Vol. 4, No. 18, May 7, 2008:

Intense if a bit raw in texture, the core pear, apple, spice and citrus notes are fresh and vibrant and the finish is long and persistent. Needs bottle time. Best to cellar through 2008. Drink 2008 through 2012. (JL) **90 points**

AVAILABILITY:

The Pahlmeyer 2006 Napa Valley Chardonnay will be available beginning June 1, 2008 directly from the winery. For further information, please visit us at www.pahlmeyer.com.