

2005 Chardonnay Brosseau Vineyard



Brosseau Vineyard, Old Wente Clone

<i>Appellation:</i>	Chalone – Monterey County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	Sloping hillside with north- westerly exposures. Elevation 1620 ft. Brosseau Vineyard is on the western flank of the Gabilan Range which forms the east side of the Salinas Valley. The site is at the base of the West Pinnacles National Monument, a volcanic formation, 25 miles from the coast. Coordinates: 36,27,26 N 121 ,13, 52 W
<i>Soil:</i>	Virgin sandy loam, clay over limestone / decomposed granite
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	Wente - Own rooted
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Thirteen acres planted in 1981
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	E/W rows, 8 x 12 spacing, 454 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
<i>Harvest:</i>	September 6; yield 2.25TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	23.5 brix, pH3.3, TA .75
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole cluster membrane pressed, 100% barrel fermentation Indigenous yeast for primary fermentation, 16 months on lees in 20% new French oak with no racking. Bottled 2/13/07
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Chardonnay, alcohol 14.3%
<i>Case production:</i>	80
<i>Characteristics:</i>	The site is dramatic, located on a high rolling plateau, at the foot of a granite volcanic remnant, the West Pinnacles. This bench is an uplift of ancient marine soil and sediment, one of the few true limestone based soils in California. The Chardonnay vines from this vineyard are own rooted old vine Wente clone, which are very low yielding; small clusters and small berries. The wine is reminiscent of a Meursault, a Chardonnay from Burgundy. Wonderfully full in the mouth, with aromas of hazelnut and wet stones, it finishes with a firm grip. A perfect match with freshly shucked Hog Island oysters from Northern California.

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