

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • DUTTON RANCH VINEYARD

2009 CHARDONNAY



THE WINERY

The Francis Ford Coppola Winery was established in 2006 in Sonoma County, California to celebrate wine, food and adventure. Our winery is a place where guests can enjoy new wine experiences, have fun with friends and family, be entertained and savor life's simple pleasures.

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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations, and special winemaking techniques in the case of our rare dessert wines. Our Director of Winemaking, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain of Rubicon Estate in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

DUTTON RANCH

Our Russian River Chardonnay hails from Dutton Ranch, which is located less than ten miles from the Pacific Ocean. It is comprised of more than 75 separate vineyards planted in the coolest areas of the appellation, where fog rolls in every afternoon and lowers the temperature by 30-40 degrees each evening. This climate pattern not only allows the fruit to ripen more slowly and accumulate more flavor concentration, but it also helps the grapes retain an ideal amount of natural acidity, which is critical for a complex Chardonnay.

THE WINE

We press our fruit whole-cluster and then ferment entirely in French oak barrels to achieve a high degree of richness and voluptuous character. Sonoma County experienced an excellent 2009 vintage, as did most of California, where light spring rains were followed by warm summer days and no abrupt climate changes throughout the season. Ideal weather conditions allowed us to be highly selective at harvest, choosing only the very best fruit. Because the grapes achieved perfect, even ripening, they were abundantly flavorful, highly aromatic and very well-balanced. As a result, this year's Reserve Chardonnay displays an alluring perfume of tropical fruit, honeysuckle and crème brûlée. Succulent flavors of pears, apples, cinnamon, and vanilla toasted oak enliven the rich, silky texture before more vibrant notes of tangerine, pineapple and minerals unfold on the finish—a truly elegant rendition this year.

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Blend	100% Chardonnay
Alcohol	14.5%
Aged	14 months in 50% new French oak and 50% 1-year-old French oak barrels
SRP	\$25

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