

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

VARIETY OF VINEYARDS • ALEXANDER VALLEY

2010 CHARDONNAY



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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 head winemaker, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines including a unique late harvest Semillon and Petite Sirah "Port." Because these wines are produced in such limited quantities, they are reserved 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 at Inglenook in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

THE FRUIT

Our reserve wines are usually sourced from one single vineyard, but 2010 was a challenging vintage. The cold snap that endured through spring significantly limited the crop size that season, which necessitated we source from multiple locations. This wine comes from a variety of Alexander Valley vineyards. We press our fruit whole-cluster and then ferment entirely in French oak barrels to achieve a high degree of richness and oak character. This year's Chardonnay received a 50% malolactic fermentation to enhance the creamy texture.

THE WINE

Because the 2010 vintage lasted weeks longer than normal due to the mild summer, the fruit developed very pronounced aromatics and great concentration. Discover a lovely perfume of pineapple, lemon and crème brûlée along with luscious flavors of melon, pears, vanilla and spices, highlighted by bright notes of kumquats and minerals. A full-bodied Chardonnay that is complex, striking, and endowed with a nice oaky vanilla finish.

Appellation Alexander Valley,
Sonoma County
Blend 100% Chardonnay
Alcohol 14.5%
Aged 8 months;
50% new French oak;
50% 1-year-old French oak.

Corey Beck, Winemaker

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