

# FOG CREST

## VINEYARD

*Fog Crest Vineyard is a family-owned winery in Sonoma County's highly regarded Russian River Valley Appellation. Our vineyard soils are dominated by the Wilson Grove Formation, a sandstone ridge whose fine-grained marine sandstone soils are highly prized by ultra-premium winemakers. The Estate Vineyard is perfectly situated to take advantage of the region's cool coastal fog intrusions. The classic Goldridge soils, the vineyard's rolling hills and a south-eastern exposure combine to impart great depth, complexity and character to our Estate Wines.*

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### 2009 Fog Crest Vineyard Estate Chardonnay Russian River Valley

We strive to showcase the incredible and unique nature of our Estate Vineyard as we endeavor to remain mindful stewards of the land. Sustainable farming methods are practiced to respect the neighboring Laguna de Santa Rosa, Sonoma's richest area of wildlife habitat and the most biologically diverse region of our County.

#### *Winemaking Team*

**David Ramey, Consulting Winemaker**, David is hailed as one of the pioneers instrumental in raising the bar for American wines, and who brought California to the forefront of the international wine world. David's groundbreaking work with indigenous yeasts and malolactic and barrel fermentation has yielded a benchmark California style that is richer, and more lush, silky, and smooth. Besides his own Ramey Wine Cellars, David has worked for Chalk Hill, Matanzas Creek, Dominus Estate and Rudd Estate.

**Daniel Moore, Winemaker**, Daniel Moore has made wine for more than two decades in Northern California. He was the original winemaker at Lynmar Winery in the Russian River Valley, where his Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays were very highly regarded. Daniel was also a pioneering champion of Russian River Gewürztraminer. His winemaking credits also include the Martinelli Vineyard Winery and his own Z Moore Winery.

#### *Vintage Notes*

The 2009 growing season was memorable for its ideal conditions. A warmer end to winter and spring rolled into a cooler than normal summer. Early bud break is always cause for concern but luckily frost was not an issue. No heat spikes of any duration at the end of the season along with the ideal summer climate contributed to excellent quality fruit with ripe flavors and good texture. The 2009 Fog Crest Vineyard grapes possess amazing depth, great structure and wonderful sense of place.

#### *Tasting Notes*

The 2009 Estate Chardonnay immediately opens up with Granny Smith apple and pear aromas. The vineyard's signature minerality is at the core of the wine's fleshy mid-palate and finishes with flinty citrus flavor that invites the next sip.



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**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Chardonnay

**Winemaker:** David Ramey & Daniel Moore

**Aging:** 18 months

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**Cases Produced:** 339

**Bottling Date:** March 2011

**Suggested Retail:** \$39