



# BENZIGER

FAMILY WINERY

## 2007 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay

Alcohol 14.1% | Total Acidity .73 | pH 3.31



**Release Date** | January 2009

**Retail Price** | \$20

**TASTING NOTES** | Our Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay is a lean, elegant wine with a rich lovely mouthfeel. In this vintage, there is a slight hint of nutmeg in the nose and flavors of green apple, peach and pear.

**WINEMAKING** | Five vineyard blocks were hand selected from Sangiacomo Vineyard to give this Chardonnay the balanced acidity and structure we were after. Loamy soil near Sonoma Creek gives this area of the vineyard a distinctive minerality and lean, crisp citrus flavors. All of the fruit was whole-cluster pressed before cold barrel fermentation. We fermented and aged the wine in Hungarian oak barrels (20% new) for eleven months. The traditional practice of batonnage was used to build body, texture and to integrate flavors.

**VINTAGE** | A dry winter led to a fairly early bud break in 2007. Overall the growing season was evenly paced with a just a few heat spikes in the early summer. Warm August weather started harvest early, especially for early ripening varieties. This vintage was certainly smaller in quantity than 2006, but in many cases the lower yields meant more concentrated flavors.

**BENZIGER FARMING PRACTICES** | At Benziger Family Winery, we are dedicated to winemaking that reveals the true character of the vineyard, the varietal and the vintage in certified-sustainable, -organically grown and-Biodynamic® wines defined by individuality and the passion of the people who make them. Through our commitment to natural farming and environmentally and socially responsible business practices, we strive for sustainability and the preservation of our Sonoma Mountain family winery for generations to come.

This wine was made with grapes grown by certified sustainable farming methods. Our sustainable philosophy promotes natural vineyard management, restoration of the land and biodiversity on the estate. We believe these practices result in wines that reflect the authentic flavors, aromas and character of the vineyard.

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