



# SBRAGIA

FAMILY VINEYARDS

## 2009 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY



### VINEYARD

Our Home Ranch Vineyard, which my family has been farming for decades, is located on the Northeast side of Dry Creek in Sonoma County, California. This thirteen-acre Chardonnay parcel benefits from temperatures that are a bit cooler than most of the appellation, resulting in a Chardonnay with bright fruit flavors, good structure and a nice balanced acidity.

### VINTAGE

A favorable amount of rain in the Spring was followed by a long, even growing season in 2009. A slightly extended harvest allowed ample time for rich flavors to develop, and the cooler Spring ensured an excellent balance of sugars and acid in the grapes. The grapes for the 2009 Home Ranch Chardonnay were hand-picked on September 23, 2009.

### WINEMAKING

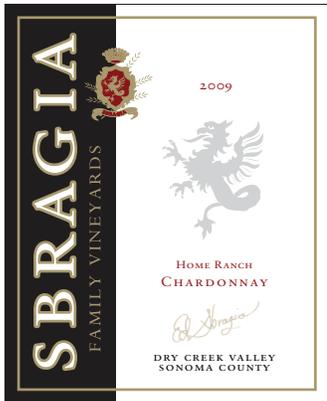
When crafting the Home Ranch Chardonnay, my son Adam and I chose to barrel ferment roughly half of the wine in new Burgundian barrels while the other half went into once-used barrels. The wine underwent 100 percent malolactic fermentation and was aged for 10 months, with the lees stirred weekly. Our goal was to create a classically crafted Chardonnay, with a wonderful richness and concentration of the fruit expression of our Home Ranch Vineyard.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The family vineyards are my father's legacy and I get so much joy from crafting wines from our Home Ranch. I love the opulence of this wine, and the sun-kissed flavors of Sonoma County that it evokes. The 2009 Chardonnay has aromas of stone fruit, honeysuckle and a hint of chestnut. Flavors of ripe tropical fruit are accented by notes of toasted marshmallow and a bright acidity that lingers into the finish.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest:	September 23, 2009
Blend:	100% Chardonnay
Alcohol:	14.8%
TA:	6.2 g/L
pH:	3.66
Cases Produced:	4,508



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