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FAMILY VINEYARDS

## GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

NAPA VALLEY

Making Chardonnay from Gamble Ranch feels like revisiting an old friend every year, and it only seems to get better and better. Gamble is a big property in the heart of Napa Valley – it spans the Yountville and Oakville Crossroads – and it's divided into dozens of small blocks according to soil type, aspect, etc. Our fruit comes from a few small blocks planted with a mix of rootstocks and clones – very specific sites I've identified over the years as producing particularly rich, flavorful and complex Chardonnay.

### 2012 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

**Rated (94-96)**

*Wine Advocate, #209 October 2013*

The stunning 2012 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch (whose fruit Ed Sbragia has been dealing with since 1976!) boasts abundant notes of honeysuckle, roasted pineapple, hazelnuts and smoky tropical fruits. This full-bodied, rich, layered, impressive Chardonnay should drink beautifully for 4-5 years. –R. Parker Jr.

**Rated (91-93)**

*Vinous Media*

The 2012 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch is obviously totally different in style than the 2011 because of the vintage's personality. Rich, butter and expressive, the 2012 flows with the essence of almond, nectarine, spices and wild flowers. The style is textured and resonant, with considerable volume and tons of near-term appeal. –A. Galloni

### 2011 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

**Rated 91**

*Vinous Media, November 2013*

Ed Sbragia's 2011 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch is bright, focused and beautifully layered. Lemon oil, almonds, smoke and crushed flowers all meld together in a focused, intense Chardonnay built on energy. The 2011 is beautiful, but it could use a little more bottle age to be at its best. The mid-weight style of the year comes through loud and clear. –A. Galloni

**Rated 91**

*Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

Musky aromas of butterscotch and creme brulee. Denser and sweeter than the Home Ranch bottling, with more tropical fruit flavors leavened by smoky minerality. Chewy enough to support its full alcohol but on the sweet side. –S. Tanzer

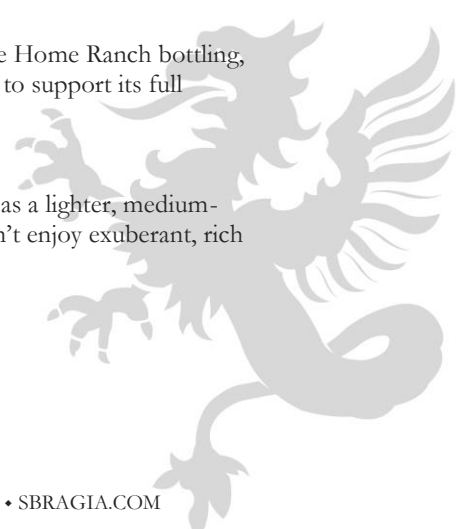
*Wine Advocate, #209 October 2013*

The steely 2011 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch displays lots of minerality as well as a lighter, medium-bodied style with subtle honeysuckle and tropical fruit notes. Readers who don't enjoy exuberant, rich Chardonnays may prefer the 2011 to either the 2010 or 2012. –R. Parker Jr.



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## 2010 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

### Rated 94

#### *Wine Advocate, #209 October 2013*

Sbragia has always demonstrated a Midas touch with Chardonnay, and that is apparent with the magnificent 2010 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch. It exhibits a premier cru Meursault-like nuttiness along with a buttery richness, creamy, full-bodied texture and terrific purity. It's no shy white at 15% natural alcohol. –R. Parker Jr.

### Rated 93

#### *Wine Spectator*

Offers lots of flavors built around smoky, toasty, mocha-laced oak and ripe, opulent fig, pear and honeydew melon, ending with a tempting roasted marshmallow aftertaste. Drink now through 2018. –J. Laube

### Rated 92

#### *Wine Advocate*

Sbragia's 2010 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch is beautifully bright, focused and layered. Smoke, honey, anise and ripe pears are all woven together nicely. Even with full malolactic fermentation, the 2010 is bursting with tension and energy. This is a great showing from Ed Sbragia. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2016. Ed Sbragia can be counted on for wines that deliver consistently outstanding quality and plenty of personality. His 2009 Cabernets are particularly of note. Sbragia has a magic touch when it comes to Chardonnay from Gamble Ranch, fruit he has worked with since 1976. –A.Galloni

## 2009 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

### Rated “Top 30 Chardonnay Producers in California”

#### *Wine Spectator*

Ed Sbragia, who set out on his own with a home base in Sonoma after three decades at Beringer, certainly hasn't lost his touch. The wine from Gamble Ranch, in Napa, is the richer, weightier of the two wines he makes; the Dry Creek Home Ranch is more delicate. As a pair, they provide a perfect contrast of appellations and styles. –J. Laube

### Rated 92

#### *Wine Advocate*

I like the charm, perfume and elegance combined with richness of the 2009 Chardonnay Gamble Ranch. White peach, tropical fruit and honeysuckle characteristics along with crisp acids and a whiff of oak are all attractive. –R. Parker Jr.

### Rated 91

#### *Wine Spectator*

An understated mix of smoke, fig, roasted marshmallow and tangerine flavors makes this complex and intriguing, as the notes build on the finish. Drink now through 2017. –J. Laube

### Rated 90

#### *International Wine Cellars*

Slightly hazy medium yellow. Richer and leesier on the nose and palate than the Home Ranch example, offering musky grapefruit and pineapple flavors. Rich, broad and sweet chardonnay with good length and breadth. From a warmer spot than the Home Ranch. –S. Tanzer

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## 2008 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

### DOUBLE GOLD

*American Fine Wine Competition*

### Rated 91

*Wine Spectator*

Perfumed, with a delicate mix of citrus blossom, ripe and baked apple character. Full-bodied, with a touch of finesse and polish, ending with a spicy aftertaste. Drink now through 2017. –J. Laube

### Rated 91

*The Tasting Panel*

Dense and creamy with sweet oak and ripe fruit; vanilla and lush texture; long, rich and balanced with depth and style. –A. D. Blue

## 2007 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

### Rated 94

*Wine Advocate*

Honeyed citrus intermixed with caramelized tropical fruit and smoky nut-like notes emerge from this full-bodied, rich, crisp Chardonnay. Enjoy it over the next 4-5 years. –R. Parker Jr.

### Rated 93

*Wine Spectator*

Remarkably complex and layered, full-bodied, elegant and polished, with tiers of nectarine, peach, melon and light toasty oak. Offers a broad range of flavors while remaining delicate, ending with a clean finish. Drink now through 2014. –J. Laube

### Rated 92

*Wine Enthusiast*

This massive, explosive Chardonnay is marked by extremely ripe pineapple, pear and peach fruit, accented with lots of sweet caramelized oak. It's a potent, high alcohol wine whose buttered popcorn flavors are complex by crisp acidity and minerals... A fine example of its style. –S. Heimoff

### Gift of Drink: Grand Whites

*Newsday*

Here's a sampler of first-class beverages for the festivities ahead... Citrusy, apply, and sporting an aroma of butterscotch, here's a flavorful, immediately satisfying wine to go with food.

–P. M. Gianotti

### 'Highly Recommended'

*California Grapevine*

Attractive, forward, intense, toasty, golden delicious apple and ripe tropical fruit aromas with notes of butterscotch and vanilla; full body; big, rich, textured, heavily toasted, tropical fruit flavors...lingering aftertaste. Stylistic.



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## 2006 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

### Rated 93

#### *Wine News*

Forward grilled pineapple, white peach and vanilla oak aromas. Ripe, thick and juicy with the typical Sbragia lushness front to back. There is a lovely mix of peach, caramel and banana flavors that carry through to the lengthy finish, accented by brown spice.

### Rated 91

#### *Wine Spectator*

Big, rich and creamy, with toasty oak, fig, melon and a hint of butterscotch, ending with flavors that fan out in a complex manner. Drink now through 2011. –J. Laube

### Rated 92

#### *Wine Advocate*

Bâtard-Montrachet-like...Reveals poached pear, crème brulee, brioche, honeysuckle, hazelnut, smoke, and tropical fruit characteristics in its big, full-bodied, well-balanced personality. –R. Parker Jr.

### Rated 92

#### *Wine Enthusiast*

This is a massive, powerful Chardonnay, a New World style that's super ripe and heavily oaked... Aficionados of this approach will love the opulence of the honey, pineapple jam, apricot, crème brûlée, vanilla and buttercream flavors. Calls for very rich dishes like lobster. –S. Heimoff

### Rated 90-92

#### *International Wine Cellar*

Lime, lemon and nutty, creamy lees on the nose, along with some smoky high tones. Rich, fat and spicy, with a plumpness of texture... –S. Tanzer <http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer>

## 2005 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

### Rated 91

#### *Wine Advocate*

Reveals aromas of butterscotch, caramelized tropical fruits and honeysuckle. It is a full bodied, textured white with admirable acidity and overall harmony. –R. Parker Jr.

### Rated 90

#### *Wine Spectator*

Fresh, floral and creamy-textured, with delicate pear, fig, spice and light hazelnut flavors that are complex, focused and lingering. Drink now through 2011. –J. Laube

### Rated 91

#### *International Wine Cellar*

Bright yellow, juicy and shapely, with good underlying structure. There's power here but also more fruit intensity and length. –S. Tanzer

## 2004 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY

Ranked # 15 of 'Top 100 Wines of 2007'

#### *Wine Spectator*



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**Rated 90**

***Wine Advocate***

It is an exuberant, rich, chewy, big styled Chardonnay. – R. Parker Jr.

**Rated 95 – ‘Highly Recommended’**

***Wine Spectator***

This big, rich, flamboyant Chardonnay delivers a wallop of flavor, with tiers of smoky, toasty oak, buttery pear and fig notes and hints of citrus and fresh earth. Yet for all its size and dimension, there’s a measure of elegance. The finish sails on, revealing extra flavor nuances. An excellent combination of a great Chardonnay vineyard and a winemaker who knows the site. Drink now through 2010.

– J. Laube



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