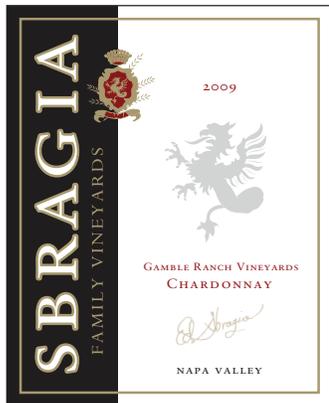




# SBRAGIA

## FAMILY VINEYARDS

### 2009 GAMBLE RANCH CHARDONNAY



#### VINEYARD

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. This harvest marks the 8th vintage of this wine for Sbragia Family Vineyards.

#### VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season was marked by a mild season overall. Light spring rains gave way to a warm summer. Temperatures stayed even through August, giving the grapes an ideal timeframe in which to ripen. Overall yields were on the smaller side, making for intense varietal characteristics and flavor development immediately evident at Harvest. Grapes for the 2009 Gamble Ranch Chardonnay were harvested on September 9, 2009.

#### WINEMAKING

Gamble Ranch produces grapes that can stand up to the style of Chardonnay I love: big, bold and gutsy, but never out of balance. Adam and I give the juice a gradual month-long fermentation in barrel, then allow the wine to go through 100% malolactic fermentation. The wine spends a full 18 months in 100% new French Burgundian barrels, with weekly lees stirring to integrate the oak and give the wine extra creamy richness.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

"I love big, rich Chardonnay, and again Gamble Ranch delivers such depth of flavor with the 2009 vintage. Ripe flavors of pear, lemon curd and red delicious apple are accented by notes of hazelnut, vanilla and banana cream pie. Its rich, unctuous flavors are complemented by a lush mouthfeel and full-bodied texture."

*Ed Sbragia Adam Sbragia*

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest: September 9, 2009  
Blend: 100% Chardonnay  
Alcohol: 14.8  
TA: 5.68 g/L  
pH: 3.76  
Cases Produced: 1,672



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