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## 2010 Sonoma County Chardonnay California

Grapes:	100% Chardonnay
Harvest:	September 14, 2010
Sugar at Harvest:	23.9 Brix
TA:	0.58
Alcohol:	14.4%
R.S.:	.058%
PH:	3.58
Bottled:	September 6, 2011
Released:	November 1, 2011
Cases Produced:	326
<b>Cases to Nova Scotia:</b>	<b>30</b> UPC 8 0487925655 7

**S**ourced from grapes grown in Healdsburg's Dry Creek Valley, this wine was primarily cold-tank fermented to express the intense fruit from the mature vineyard. A small amount was barrel fermented to add complexity: just a hint of toast and butter without the oak.

### Tasting notes:

This wonderfully rich and multi-layered chardonnay has aromas of pineapple, pear and tropical fruit with flavors of ripe peach and crème brûlée. The rich and supple middle body finishes long, clean and crisp, reminiscent of some Montrachets in the

750ml NSLC SKU: 1017175

white French Burgundy style (where numerous such wines list above \$30).

### Food Pairing:

Exceptional with seafood, salmon with a cream based sauce. This chardonnay pairs well with cheese plates featuring cheeses such as a young asiago and pecorino with some fruit.

**Double Gold:** 2012 San Francisco Wine Competition

**Gold:** Sommelier Challenge, International Wine Competition

**Gold:** Orange County Fair

Seriously good wine shouldn't have to come with a seriously obscene price or attitude—but it should come with great grapes, great provenance and great care.

### *A bit of a Bluenoser's best comes home*

**B**eing born in Antigonish, besides **Paul Brasset's** firm roots he's been working in wine since 1968 in the Healdsburg area of Sonoma County. As Winemaker, he helped start **Clos Du Bois**. Expertise includes

- 13 years at **White Oak** on Chardonnay: most vintages listed in Most Awarded in America, his 1990 won White Wine Sweepstakes Award at Sonoma County Harvest Fair (largest regional competition in the US).
- Consulting Winemaker at **Christopher Creek**, his 1990 Syrah and Petite Sirah both Most Awarded in America.
- His **Pezzi King** Cabernet Sauvignon 1996 hit James Laube's (Wine Spectator) Best Value in California, Wine News his 1995 Zinfandel of the Year, and 1996 Best Value Syrah.
- His 2002 Chardonnay earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> White Wine Sweepstakes Award, he also helping to design (then) **Roshambo**.
- In 2003, Paul was hired as winemaker and advisor to Sidney Frank (Grey Goose Vodka), allowing him to launch his own Bluenose.

His **2006 Dry Creek Zinfandel** won Gold Medal (Critics Challenge) & 91 Connoisseurs' Guide Rating. "...a wonderfully tasty, easy-to-drink Zin of a style we see far too infrequently these days, and its polish makes it one that will prove a very partner to a wide range of foods." See this interview with Paul, the "zinking:" <http://wineoh.tv/discovering-downtown-healdsburg>

Also available in NS: **2008 Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County** SKU: 1017174

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