

STONE STREET

ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN ESTATE



Alexander Mountain Estate stands on the western ridge of the Mayacamas Mountains towering over the Alexander Valley below. High elevations, volcanically derived soils and cooling maritime breezes give us a unique location from which to pursue the quest of mountain winegrowing. Of the 5,100 acres that make up the Estate, only 900 are planted to grapes (235 individual vineyard blocks) while the remaining land retains its natural biodiversity and abounds with streambeds, redwoods and ancient oaks, providing a habitat to cougars, owls and black bears.

The Dramatic One

2007 BROKEN ROAD CHARDONNAY

At 1,800 feet and with a south-west exposure, this site sees sun nearly all day long, yet the Pacific breezes and gravel soils promote a distinct focus and minerality in the grapes from this block. Seismic activity literally creates the “Broken Road,” after which this vineyard is named, so it is fitting that the wine’s characteristic minerality speaks to the earth below which influences it.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): *Alexander Valley, Sonoma County*

Mountain Range: *Mayacamas Mountains*

Region: *California’s North Coast*

Predominant Geology: *Yorkville Clay Loam*

Elevation: *1,800 feet*

Vineyard Location: *76 miles north of San Francisco,*

23 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, 25 miles northwest of Calistoga

Winemaker: *Graham Weerts*

Vineyard Manager: *Tony Viramontes*

Key Blocks: *66 and 66B*

Vine Spacing: *12 x 6 feet*

Vines Per Acre: *605*

Exposure of Slopes: *Southwest*

Year Planted: *1992*

Rootstock: *110R*

Clone: *4*

HARVEST DATA

Date of Harvest: *September 3, 2007*

Average Tons Per Acre: *5.3*

Average Ripeness: *24 Brix*

WINEMAKING DATA

Fermentation: *100% natural yeasts; 100% barrel and malolactic fermentation*

Barrel Aging: *11 months in small French oak barrels, 50% new*

Date of bottling: *July 2008*

Quantities Bottled: *369 cases*

92 POINTS

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