

STONESTREET

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 Voluptuous One

2008 UPPER BARN CHARDONNAY

One of our most profound sites (block 48), is situated at 1,800 feet. The rocky, shallow site is exposed and straddles a high ridgeline. The wine from Upper Barn is known for its complexity and hedonistic texture and reveals itself in luscious layers with each subsequent swirl and sniff in the glass.

OVERVIEW

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

Mountain Range: *Mayacamas Mountains*

Region: *California's North Coast*

Predominant Geology: *Sobrante 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 Block: *48A*

Vine Spacing: *12 x 8 feet*

Vines Per Acre: *454*

Exposure of Slopes: *Multiple*

Year Planted: *1982*

Rootstock: *A combination of 5C, 1103P, 110R and 3309C*

Clone: *Wente*

HARVEST DATA

Date of Harvest: *September 5, 2008*

Average Ripeness: *23.5 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 2009*

Quantities Bottled: *326 cases*

95 POINTS

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