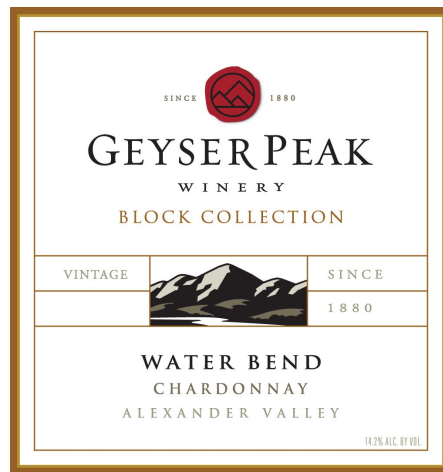


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GEYSER PEAK 2007 Chardonnay BLOCK Collection - Water Bend

"This crisply balanced, middleweight gets a bit lost when measured against those big-bodied Chardonnays that favor ripeness and oak, yet its clean presentation of fresh apples and pears places it on the varietal path. Its scaled-down delivery directs it to service with milder seafoods, and it wants drinking while young and alive."