

2007
CHARDONNAY NU
SONOMA VALLEY

Kunde Estate Chardonnay Nu is produced to freshly express the terroir of the Sonoma Valley without being masked by new oak flavors or malolactic fermentation. The result is a Chardonnay that is both fresh and vital, retaining its natural racy acidity and showcasing its rich, ripe flavors of crisp apples, pears, and pineapple: the pure essence of the Chardonnay grape.

This is 'naked' Chardonnay

Fruit

100% Chardonnay

Harvest

The grapes were selected from our estate grown, sustainably farmed vineyards in the Sonoma Valley from August 31 through October 4 at an average Brix of 24.3°. Heat during veraison and at the beginning of August ripened early blooming blocks of Chardonnay quickly. A cooling trend later extended the harvest. 2007 was the first crop from our new block of the 'musque' selection of Chardonnay clones, which contributes intense flavors to the blend.

Winemaking

- Chardonnay Nu is "naked" Chardonnay. We use no new oak barrels or malolactic fermentation, allowing the delicious fruit flavors of these grapes to shine through.
- 70% of the wine was fermented at 50° F. in stainless steel, followed by tank aging for 7 months to keep the crisp and fresh flavors.
- No new oak barrels or malolactic fermentation was used, eliminating any oaky or butter characteristics from this wine.

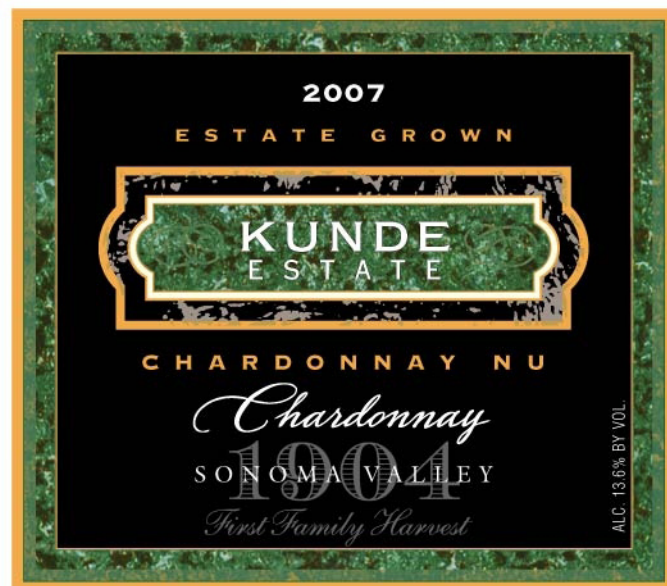
Food Pairing

Wild Pacific Salmon poached in white wine and served with a lemon cream sauce.



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Release Date
August 2008

Residual Sugar
Dry

Total Acid
0.68

Alcohol
13.6%

pH
3.51



750ml bottle

Winemaker's Comments

"You might say that the 2007 Kunde Estate Chardonnay Nu has a good body image; it is comfortable with its natural endowments, and doesn't need to cover up with oak aromas or heavy butter flavors. Here is your chance to discover what real Chardonnay fruit tastes like: crisp apples and bright ripe pears. Try serving it with roasted vegetables or poached salmon. We think you'll come to appreciate the racy naked flavors of Kunde Estate's Chardonnay Nu."

Tim Bell
Winemaker