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FIRESTONE
VINEYARD

2008 California Chardonnay

Firestone Discoveries is a new concept in California wines with vibrant packaging evoking the natural beauty and upscale casual lifestyle of Southern California. Bright, fresh and fruit forward, the Discoveries wines are perfect for both everyday adventures and unplanned explorations in the kitchen and beyond.

VINTAGE NOTES:

2008 started with a very dry winter with little rainfall, a trend that continued through the entire year. The rainfall deficit led to reduced vine vigor, low shoot fruitfulness and smaller than normal cluster sizes. Spring was moderately warm, followed by record-breaking frost in April, just as budbreak began, lowering yields even further. The light crop allowed for very concentrated, lush flavors as harvest lingered into fall.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

The grapes were harvested during cool morning hours to maintain fruit integrity. After light pressing, the juice was cold settled and racked. At this point, a portion of the grapes underwent fermentation in stainless steel tanks to preserve the grapes' bright fruit notes and acid, while the remainder was fermented in French oak barrels, adding richness and complexity to the wine.

TASTING NOTES:

Bright straw yellow in color, the 2008 California Chardonnay exhibits aromas of apple, pear, melon, lemon and honey with slight caramel undertones from the oak aging. On the palate, moderate acidity balances creamy notes of ripe pears, melons and caramel, with a bright and lingering finish of citrus and minerals.

CUISINE PAIRING:

The crisp character of our 2008 Chardonnay pairs well with a wide range of cuisine, including sautéed and grilled seafood, pasta with cream sauces, light salads and roasted chicken.



APPELLATION:	CALIFORNIA
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	100% CHARDONNAY
COOPERAGE:	20% AGED IN FRENCH OAK FOR 6 MONTHS
TA:	0.69
pH:	3.48
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
RELEASE DATE:	JUNE 1, 2009
LABEL ARTIST:	STEVE COOK

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CHARDONNAY FLAVOR MAP

citrus **GREEN APPLE**

bright

VANILLA CAMEL

MELON crisp

smooth PEAR