

2007  
**CHARDONNAY NU**  
SONOMA VALLEY

**K**unde 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**

*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