

PLUS!*Gold Series Selection*

D&L Carinalli Vineyards
2009 Estate Chardonnay
 Russian River Valley
402 Cases Produced

For as long as Domenic Carinalli Jr. can remember, home winemaking has been a part of his Italian family heritage. His father, Domenic Carinalli, Sr. was born in Italy and enjoyed making wine with his family in the small town of Germasino. He came to America in the early 1920's to find new opportunity for his family and established a farm in Sebastopol of Sonoma County, California. The Carinalli family milked cows, made homemade cheeses, churned butter and of course, produced wine for the family dinner table. The art of making wine and the science of growing grapes struck a chord with Domenic Carinalli Jr., and in the mid-1990's he decided to take the small family venture to the next level. With his wife Lynda, Domenic began making Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio, which responded well to Sonoma's excellent soil and cool climate conditions. They established a private label in 1996, and named the estate D&L Carinalli Vineyards. The Carinallis planted vineyards over the next ten years, and today manage about 100 acres of estate grown fruit on the family ranch in Sonoma. Joined by winemaker Evelyn White, D&L Carinalli Vineyards has turned out a number of award-winning wines, and they continue to garner top-notch medals even when competing against more expensive wines from big-name wineries. Domenic and Lynda find their winery very rewarding as they continue an agricultural legacy that will continue through the generations with their children and grandchildren.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

D&L Carinalli Vineyards' 2009 Estate Chardonnay was produced from the Carinallis' own estate vineyard in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. More specifically, the vineyard is located along the Laguna de Santa Rosa where the weather is cool and crisp and dominated by morning fog – the ideal conditions for Chardonnay to attain its ultimate flavors and varietal expression. The Carinalli Chardonnay represents exceptional consistency of balance, texture, and elegance, and their 2009 vintage is one of their best releases to date. The wine embodies a balance of silky, yet rich flavors with hints of green apple and ripe pear, characteristics so distinctive of Sonoma's Russian River Valley Chardonnays. D&L Carinalli Vineyards' 2009 Estate Chardonnay triumphed at the professional wine competitions, garnering a **Best of Class** at the *Sonoma County Harvest Fair* and a **Double Gold Medal** at the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition* earlier this year. With the Carinalli commitment to tradition, quality workmanship and love of the land, the family has crafted a beautiful Chardonnay we know you will enjoy. Aged in American and French oak. 100% Chardonnay. Enjoy now until 2014.

REORDERS

2009 Estate Chardonnay

Winery Direct: \$20.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2-Bottle Members: \$18.00 /bottle

4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$17.00 /bottle

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.
 (plus shipping)

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