

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Gold Series Selection



Gold Plus!

Levendi Winery 2010 Sweeney Ranch Chardonnay Napa Valley

Levendi Winery was founded by David Gianulias, his father Jim Gianulias, and family friend Todd Rustman in 2001 in Napa Valley when it produced its first 1,000 cases. David Gianulias is the tenth generation of his family in the wine business, a span of over several hundred years, but it wasn't until the start of Levendi Winery that the family entered the commercial wine business.

Levendi Winery was met with early success when the family was approached by Wolfgang Puck's flagship restaurant, Spago, located in Beverly Hills. Puck decided to order Levendi wines for all of his restaurants, and the brand became very popular among his high profile clientele. Levendi Winery was off to a strong start, and with numerous awards and accolades coming in, the winery quickly became a highly regarded brand in Napa Valley and throughout the state.

The word *Levendi* is Greek and part of the phrase *Yasou Levendi*, a toast that basically ascribes hard work and a good life. The elaborate sketch on the Levendi bottles depicts a young person in a vineyard raising a glass to the sun, the most important element in the development of good vines and grapes. In this way, the Gianulias family depicts their thanks to God in the form of the sun. It is a part of their ancient Greek culture and has been around for centuries. It seemed the perfect way to honor their family's heritage and winemaking tradition.

The wines of Levendi Winery have consistently scored high marks thanks to the efforts of winemaker Alison Doran. A graduate of renowned UC Davis, Doran was a student of iconic winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff (Beaulieu Vineyards and others) and spent time in the historic Alsace Region of France. Doran is a 30+ year veteran of the wine industry with a strong background in vineyard management with a winemaking style all her own - a factor that has helped distinguish Levendi Winery's wines from those of its competitors.

The future looks remarkably bright for Levendi Winery and its splendid portfolio of wines that continue to score in the 90's in top publications. The winery has developed a loyal following through its continuing efforts and we applaud the incredible success it has achieved thus far.

Accolades & Tasting Notes

93 POINTS + EDITOR'S CHOICE

- *Wine Enthusiast*

The Levendi 2010 Sweeney Ranch Chardonnay was produced from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley and shows uncommon elegance and distinction. Bright, fresh aromas of ripe apple, lemon chiffon, caramel and oak spice complement the rich yet crisp palate of caramelized apples, lemon vanilla cream, Meyer lemons, peaches and papayas. A touch of minerality offers an added layer of complexity. Aged in French oak. Enjoy now until 2015.

Retail Price at the Winery: ~~\$30.00~~ /bottle

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