

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Platinum Series Selection

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Parmelee-Hill Wines & Vineyards 2009 Estate Grown Chardonnay Sonoma Valley



It all started simply enough with a job offer from a friend and wound up a near perfect example of a successful boutique winery.

Back in 1978, Steve Hill was a recent graduate of Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo on California's Central Coast. With a major in agricultural business, the new former student looked forward to a career in a friendly agricultural business. When an old family friend named Ed Durrell bought some property in Sonoma County, Hill was asked if he would be interested in running the operation.

Durrell intended to convert the former 500-acre cattle ranch in Southwest Sonoma County into vineyard property, and a wonderful business partnership ensued between the family friends. For the next 31 years, Steve Hill managed the fortunes of Durrell Vineyards during its rise to greatness. In no time, the grapes were considered among Sonoma's finest, and were consistently rated among the top five in Sonoma County.

In 1994, Steve Hill and his wife Gwen Parmelee Hill began acquiring some acreage in the vicinity of Durrell Vineyards and become growers for other premium wineries in the area. Their son Ned soon realized the wineries were using the "Parmelee-Hill" name for their vineyard-designate wines with great success and encouraged his parents to dabble in winemaking of their own. The Hills made a small number of cases (65) of Estate Syrah and the result was simply spectacular. That was in 2003, and Parmelee-Hill Wines & Vineyards has continued to flourish.

The small family winery now produces limited amounts of Syrah, Chardonnay, and Zinfandel, and continues to sell 80% of their fruit to the likes of Patz & Hall, Loring Winery, Ram's Gate, and a host of other high-end wineries under long-term contracts. The Hills are extremely proud of their accomplishments, and the numerous accolades they've garnered are just a part of that accomplishment.

Accolades & Tasting Notes

92 POINTS + GOLD MEDAL -Beverage Testing Institute

Made for lovers of a more hearty-style of Chardonnay, this Parmelee-Hill 2009 Estate Grown Chardonnay is a true delight for all of the senses. This exceptional bottling was produced from the famed Parmelee-Hill Vineyards, where the majority of fruit is sold to high-end wine producers and just a tiny amount is reserved for this special estate Chardonnay. Golden yellow in color, the 2009 Parmelee-Hill Chardonnay has luscious aromas of baked apple pie, caramel, vanilla, hazelnut, cedar and pear. The palate is tart and vibrant with flavors of ripe apricot, pear, spiced apples, citrus zest and butterscotch. A delicious wine offered at an incredible value. Enjoy now until 2015.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$42.00 /bottle

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