

**PLUS!***Platinum Series Selection*

## Sbragia Family Vineyards 2007 Gamble Ranch Chardonnay

Napa Valley

1,380 Cases Produced

As a student, Ed Sbragia (pronounced Spra-ghia) tried to get out of being in the wine business, but his effort in that regard failed. Simply stated, the Sbragia family has been in the wine business for generations, first in their native Italy (in the North, around Lucca) and lately in the confines of Sonoma and Napa Valleys. Ed Sbragia's grandfather came to the United States in the very late 1800's and married and parented Ed's father, Gino, who became a noted winemaker. The family always assumed Ed would follow in his father's footsteps, but Ed decided differently. He graduated from UC Davis with a degree in chemistry and attempted to find work in a field unrelated to wine, but jobs were hard to come by at the time and he finally landed a position as a research chemist with E. & J. Gallo Winery. The experience changed Ed's attitude about wine and the industry, as he saw for the first time what the combination of science and agriculture could accomplish. After going on to study Enology at Fresno State and working for some time at the prestigious Beringer Brothers Winery in St. Helena, Ed was ready to start his own family winery. He began investing in vineyard property and today owns 47 acres that he calls the Home Ranch. In 2001, he released his first wines under Sbragia Family Vineyards and also acquired the old Lake Sonoma Winery that immediately became the winery's new home. Today, Sbragia's wines are incredibly well received with high marks and numerous medals to its credit.

### ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Ed Sbragia has made Chardonnay from Gamble Ranch in Napa Valley's Oakville District for so many years that it was a natural choice when he decided to make a Napa Valley Chardonnay for Sbragia Family Vineyards. This is the sixth vintage for this wine, and as always, its multiple layers of complexity and structure make it truly distinctive with an exciting blend of flavors. When crafting the wine, Sbragia's goal is to make a Chardonnay as rich and full-bodied as possible while keeping the wine in balance and maintaining the vineyard's terrior and Chardonnay expression. Ed Sbragia calls the 2007 Gamble Ranch Chardonnay "a rich, luscious wine from the first aromas of butterscotch, citrus zest, golden delicious apple and sweet vanilla. Its ripe fruit and citrus flavors are layered with hints of baking spices and stone fruit, ending with a layered, supple finish. This incredible, show-stopper wine was awarded **94 Points** from *Robert Parker*, **93 Points** from *Wine Spectator* magazine, and **92 Points** from *Wine Enthusiast* magazine! American wine critic *James Laube* calls the Chardonnay a "**Top Wine.**" Aged 18 months in oak. 100% Chardonnay. Enjoy now until 2013.

### REORDERS

#### 2007 Gamble Ranch Chardonnay

Winery Direct: \$40.00 /bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Store price:****2-Bottle Members: \$34.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$32.00 /bottle**

\*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

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