

2007 WEST Chardonnay



- 100% Chardonnay
- Harvested September 22, 2007
- Aged 5 months in neutral French oak barrels
- 30% malolactic fermentation
- Bottled April 19, 2007
- Alc. 13.5%

2007 WEST Chardonnay is made from grapes grown in gravel loam soils in our Creekside Estate in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California. The south end of Dry Creek Valley has lingering fog in the mornings and provide a cool climate for white grapes in contrast with the warmer northern end of the valley. This growing season started dry and early. After a mild summer came a hot August and we harvested in late September.

The wine's aroma shows classic pear and apple fruit with hints of clove and vanilla. The same ripe fruit flavors continue on the palate with notes of citrus and a touch of roasted hazelnut. The wine is full bodied with a long, lingering finish.

West Wines is a family owned vineyards and winery operation in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We believe in responsible agricultural practices such as minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. We use cover crops between our vine rows to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Phyllis Zouzounis is **winemaker** at West Wines together with owner Katarina Bonde. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.