



HARTFORD
COURT

SEASCAPE VINEYARD

SONOMA COAST • CHARDONNAY

2008

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Seascape Vineyard is a six-acre site on a scenic ridge-top west of the town of Occidental in the Sonoma Coast AVA. The vineyard abuts an old redwood grove and faces cascading ridges to Bodega Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The well-known Coastlands Vineyard also borders the property. Because there is no ridge between the ocean and the vineyard, Seascape is in extremely cold spot – so cold that Chardonnay is often picked in November. The vineyard is cropped to about two tons per acre to ensure thorough ripening. Although a challenging spot to farm, the reward at Seascape is Chardonnay grapes brimming with personality and a very distinctive terroir.

TASTING NOTES

The Seascape Vineyard Chardonnay typically shows orange blossom and citrus oil aromas, keen acidity with lemon-drop flavors and underlying mineral notes. The multifaceted aromas, grilled peach flavors and dense mouth feel are knit together by centered acidity and a long-complex candied apricot finish. This amazing wine is truly a unique expression of terroir along the western edge of Sonoma County.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 50% new
Time in oak: 15 months
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.59
Cases produced: 450
No fining or filtration

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2008: “Outstanding” 93/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*
2007: “Outstanding” 93+/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*
2007: “Outstanding” 94/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*
2007: “Extraordinary” 92/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*
2006: “Outstanding” 91+/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*
2005: “Outstanding” 92/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*
2004: “Outstanding” 91+/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*
2003: “Extraordinary” 96/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*
2002: “Extraordinary” 95+/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*
2001: “Outstanding” 92+/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*
2000: “Outstanding” 91/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*
1999: “Exceptional” 5 Stars, *Ronn Wiegand M.S., M.W. Restaurant Wine*

