

# SWANSON

## VINEYARDS

### 2010 SALON SELECTION CHARDONNAY

#### VINTAGE:

Normal winter and spring precipitation levels, coupled with cool early season temperatures, provided for nicely-paced shoot growth and fruit development. June was warm, but July and August were cool. September gave just enough heat to ensure optimum ripeness for our Chardonnay. The grapes were hand-harvested quickly in the cold early morning hours and cold-pressed immediately.

#### VINEYARD:

47% of the grapes for the 2010 Napa Valley Chardonnay were grown on our sustainably-farmed Oakville Estate, where clay-loam soils and meticulous vine management consistently produce a small crop of ultra-premium grapes. 53% originated from the renowned Beckstoffer Carneros Lake Vineyard, where cool air from San Pablo Bay ensures that the crisp, ripe Chardonnay grapes we hand-select have ample time to come to full maturity prior to harvest.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

While still youthful, the 2010 Swanson Napa Valley Chardonnay is already showing signs of being precisely what we are looking for in this variety: ultra-clean, focused minerality, peach and hazelnut aromas and Meyer lemon zest, laced with just the first hint of wild honey. As this wine ages over the coming 6 to 12 months, look for the emergence of more wild honey character, along with a note of fresh apple. This wine has a very fresh acidity and plush mid-palate, both of which bode well for excellent drinkability through at least 2016. Lovers of Chablis will like this wine unaccompanied, but consider serving with grilled halibut or swordfish.

- Chris Phelps, Winemaker



#### COMPOSITION:

53% Beckstoffer Carneros Lake  
47% Swanson Oakville Estate  
100% Chardonnay

#### HARVEST:

September 24th (Oakville)  
October 1st (Carneros)

**BRIX at HARVEST:** 24.5°

**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%

#### WINEMAKING:

Whole-cluster pressed  
Fermented in 3-year-old French oak  
barrels and stainless steel  
No malolactic fermentation

#### BOTTLING:

May 16, 2011

#### CASE PRODUCTION:

371 cases (12x750ml)