



HARTFORD
COURT

STONE CÔTE VINEYARD

SONOMA COAST • CHARDONNAY

2007

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Stone Côte Vineyard is a small vineyard block within the well-known Durell vineyard, which sits upon an ancient riverbed at the base of Sonoma Mountain in the cool Sonoma Coast AVA. For centuries this ancient river cut a path into volcanic and sedimentary rock on its way to the Pacific Ocean. The vineyard's topography has been shaped by that flow. Tumbled and water-worn cobblestones now litter the landscape and very little topsoil remains. The nutritionally challenged soils push the vines to search deeply for nutrients and water, forcing the vineyard to work hard to ripen its fruit. The stressed vines, in turn yield very small clusters with intense varietal flavors.

Climatically this vineyard site is characterized by cool daytime temperatures, high winds and cold ocean breezes. The low-fertility soils and the cool temperatures unite to form an ideal site for growing Chardonnay. The wine's flinty aromas and mineral-laden finish are a reflection of this vineyard's *terroir*.

TASTING NOTES

This single-vineyard bottling from the 2007 vintage offers restrained minerality and aromas of poached pears and nectarines. The 2007 Stone Côte has great balance with white peach and nutmeg flavors that complement its silky texture and long finish of minerals and graphite.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 60% new
Time in oak:	11 months
Alcohol:	14.3%
TA:	5.3g/L
pH:	3.84
Yeasts:	Native
Cases produced:	740
No fining or filtration	



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2007: 96/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*, July 2009

2007: 'Outstanding' 90/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009

2007: 'Extraordinary' 96/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2008

2006: 'Exceptional' 96/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2007

2005: 'Outstanding' 93/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, November 2006

2004: 91/100, *Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine*, April 2006

2003: 'Outstanding' 94+/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2005

2002: 'Outstanding' 93/100, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, February 2005