



HILL FAMILY
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2010 "Carly's Cuvee" Chardonnay

Production: 1,510 cases

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Napa Valley 86% and Russian River 14%

Elevation: Valley floor: 53%, Hillside's: 47%

Cooperage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 0.62, pH 3.55

Release date: April 2012

Release price: \$30.00

The 2010 "Carly's Cuvee" Chardonnay comes from a selection of vineyards in the Oakville area of Napa Valley, from the steep hillside Watson Vineyard in American Canyon, and from the Hill Family Vineyard in Russian River. Made in a non-malolactic style, with only light oak influence, this lovely multi-layered Chardonnay will please people looking for a wine that enhances food, and holds its own out on the patio. After three years of drought conditions, winter rainfall returned to normal levels in 2010. Bud-break was normal with a touch of warm weather in March, but cool, wet weather in the spring delayed bloom for two-to-three weeks. Summer continued with cool temperatures, further extending the growing season and allowing the grapes to slowly ripen and develop.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

Aromas of butter, cream, apples and caramel are supported by the underlying sweetness of honeysuckle. A rich, full midpalate with balanced acidity draws out into a long finish.