



SUACCI CARCIERE

2009 Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

The Winery

Based in the small Russian River Valley town of Sebastopol, Suacci Carciere released its inaugural wines in 2006. These wines capture the owners' commitment to showcasing small, artisan vineyards of the cool western Sonoma County winegrowing region. Suacci Carciere wines offer broad fruit flavors, fresh, crisp structure, and notable depth, complexity and texture. We hope you enjoy our wines as much as we enjoy crafting them.

Vintage Notes

2009 was probably the best growing season that I have seen in my years in the business. A long, evenly keeled summer with a nice little warm spell in late August help flavors, sugars, acids and tannins all cross the finish line at the same time. Yields were perfect with minimal fruit dropping needed in the vineyard, and in late September we were awarded with some amazing fruit in our vineyards.

Winemaking Techniques

After being picked by hand on October 1 the grapes were brought to the winery where the fruit was hand sorted then whole cluster pressed. The juice was then split in half, and then put to 2 separate tanks for fermentation. Natural and cultured yeasts were used for fermentation. At near dryness, the wines were gravity racked to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The wine rested in equal parts stainless, neutral and new French oak for 14 months before bottling.

Winemaker Notes

On the nose, hints of lemon, hay and tonic fly out of the glass and with a little air a pure, leesy, chardonnay is exposed. The vintage produced wines of dense, layered complexity and it shows in this wine. On the palate the wine is rich, but has a petite, crispy framework. This wine is a stellar representation of the vineyard, and the Russian River Valley.



Technical Notes:

Appellation: Russian River Valley
Composition: Clone 4 Chardonnay
Time in Barrel: 14 months
Alcohol: 13.8%
T.A.: .7
pH: 3.38
Cases Produced: 243
Winemaker: Ryan Zepaltas
Proprietors: John D. Suacci and Andy Carciere