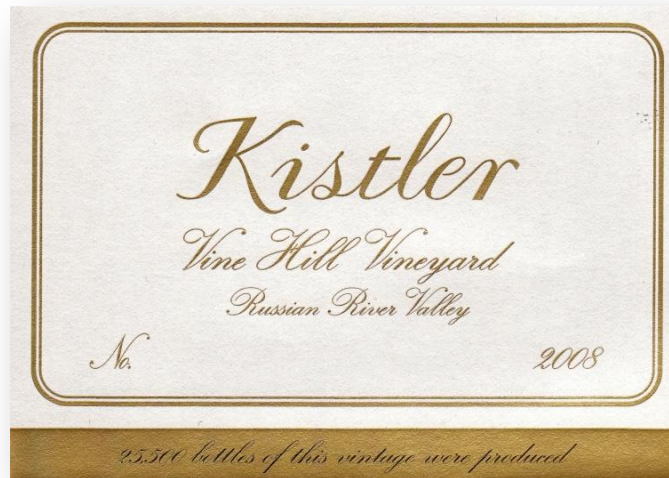


# Kistler Vineyards



## 2008 VINE HILL VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Planted in 1988 to California Heritage clones in the sandy soils on the crest of an ancient seabed, Vine Hill Vineyard produces one of our most sought after wines. The deep rooted dry farmed vines have their purchase twenty to twenty-five feet below the soil line enabling them to endure the variations of any given vintage. Since its inception, Vine Hill has delivered the vibrant, lively fruit essential to our successes in the cellar, allowing us to craft concentrated, impeccably balanced wines of resounding natural acidity, striking mineral tones and an underlying essence of orchard fruits.

### **Winemaking:**

100% Chardonnay  
Whole cluster pressed  
100% indigenous yeast fermentation in barrel  
100% malolactic fermentation in barrel  
10 months 50% 3 year air dried new French oak barrels, 50% one year old barrels  
Bottled without filtration or fining Nov 12, 2009.  
Alcohol 14.1%  
Release Date: March 2011

### **Tasting Notes:**

Green-tinged pale yellow. Classic Chablis-like nose features lime-oil, crushed stone, spices, and minerals. Wonderfully dense and vibrant in the mouth, conveying an impression of power and structure. Finishes long and stony with a lingering suggestion of powdered chalk.

### **Press:**

A sensational effort, the layered, full-bodied 2008 Chardonnay Vine Hill Vineyard exhibits hints of peaches, buttered nuts, white currants, pears and subtle smoke, a rich mouthfeel and a long finish 95 Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*, #193 Feb. 2011

### **Availability:**

The 2008 Kistler Vine Hill Vineyard Chardonnay is available directly from the winery, or at select restaurants around the world. For more information, please visit [www.kistlervineyards.com](http://www.kistlervineyards.com)