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FAMILY VINEYARDS

HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY DRY CREEK VALLEY

Our Home Ranch Vineyard, which my family has been farming for decades, is located on the Northeast side of Dry Creek in Sonoma County, California. This thirteen-acre Chardonnay parcel benefits from temperatures that are a bit cooler than most of the appellation, resulting in a Chardonnay with bright fruit flavors, good structure and a nice balanced acidity.

2012 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Rated 92

Wine Advocate, #210

“Even better, the 2012 Chardonnay Home Ranch’s alcohol came in a full degree higher than the 2011’s, and the wine hits the palate with a much larger tactile impression. Abundant aromas of white peach, apricot marmalade and pineapple soar from this full-bodied, pure, rich, well-made wine. It sells for a song given its quality. Enjoy it over the next 2-3 years.” –R. Parker, Jr.

2011 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Rated 91

Wine Advocate, #206

“The 2011 Chardonnay Home Ranch is drop-dead gorgeous. Crushed rocks, butter, white orchard fruit and spices meld together in this harmonious, beautifully crafted Chardonnay from father and son team Ed and Adam Sbragia. The style is very 2011, which is to say focused and energetic, as opposed to the richer Chardonnays Sbragia fans are used to, but that is the beauty of wine -- each vintage is its own story. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2019.

I was deeply impressed with the wines I tasted from Ed and Adam Sbragia this year. These wines remain incredibly reasonably priced considering the quality of what goes in the bottle.”
–A. Galloni

Rated 90

Wine Advocate, #210

“The 2011 Chardonnay Home Ranch showcases Ed Sbragia’s Midas touch with this varietal. Resembling a premier cru Meursault, it achieved 13.8% natural alcohol (low for a Sbragia wine), and offers lots of buttered nuts, subtle smoke and tropical fruit notes in a medium to full-bodied, luscious style.” –R. Parker, Jr.

Wine Enthusiast

“This is a big, brawny Chardonnay, thick in buttercream, honey, buttered toast and vanilla tones overlaying ripe, grilled tropical fruits and spices. Not for the faint of heart, but earns a good score through sheer power. You could even drink this with a grilled steak.” –S. Heimoff



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2009 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Rated “Top 30 Chardonnay Producers in California”

Wine Spectator

“It’s encouraging the find wines that over deliver on quality at affordable prices from any great wine region, let alone California. All of these rich whites are great for summer entertaining... Rich and creamy, yet light and delicate on its feet, with pear, fig, citrus and honeysuckle notes that gain depth, ending with a light toasty oak aftertaste. Drink now through 2017.” –J. Laube

Rated 92

Wine Advocate

“Ed Sbragia told me he has backed off the expensive oak he often used while making the Beringer Chardonnays and one can see that with the brilliant 2009 Chardonnay Home Ranch. Another great value, it offers terrific notes of nectarines, tangerines, honeysuckle and white peaches. This medium to full-bodied Chardonnay went through full malolactic and spent time in 30% new oak, which works beautifully with the fruit Sbragia is getting from his Dry Creek Vineyard.” –R. Parker Jr.

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2008 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Stephen Tanzer

Slightly high-toned aromas and flavors of tropical fruits, apricot, vanilla and honey; hints of botrytis here. Plump, broad and sweet, with a strong component of spicy, vanillin oak. The lingering finish turns more classically dry. <http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer>

The Buying Guide

Marked by tangy nectarine and tangerine flavors, with a touch of green apple and pineapple, this is crisp, flinty and intense, with a long, cleansing, leesy finish. Drink now through 2012.

Wine Spectator

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2007 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

SILVER

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Rated 92

Wine Enthusiast

There’s something rustic and spicy and earthy about Dry Creek Chardonnays, but Ed Sbragia manages to lift this wine into opulence. It’s pretty oaky, yet the vanilla and honey flavors marry perfectly with the pineapple and pear fruit to produce a wine of great attraction. (Steve Heimoff)



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Rated 92

Wine Spectator

Sleek, elegant and refined, with a nice beam of lemon, citrus, spicy pear, honeysuckle and hazelnut fruit that's focused and pure, with a long, clean finish. Drink now through 2012. -J. Laube

Rated 92

Wine News

Attractive deep-gold hue. Ripe aromas of grilled pineapple, peach and smoked ham. Flavors of dried apricot and vanilla with secondary oak impressions. Supporting acidity joins lingering tropical fruit in the finish.

WineSkinny.com, July 2009

Lovely stuff, striking a nice balance between ripeness and elegance – with pretty pear and honeysuckle aromas and flavors playing against ripe tropical citrus and focused lemon zest, with spice and roasted nuts on the long finish. Ready to drink now and over the next 2-3 years.

Wine Advocate

A value pick. Exhibits crisp pear, lemon blossom, and wet stone notes in a clean, crisp, minimally oaked style. This bargain-priced Chardonnay should drink nicely for several years.

International Wine Cellar

Smoked meat and lees dominate the nose. Ripe but dry, with good creamy mid-palate texture to the flavors of pineapple and vanilla. A hint of burnt-match minerality and a rocky note give firmness to the finish. <http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer>

2006 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Rated 90

Wine Spectator

A rich, smoky-toasty, roasted marshmallow style. Bold, complex, and distinctive, with fig and candied apple flavors. -J. Laube

The Capital (Baltimore, Marland), Sept. 2, 2009

This is a very pleasing white wine. Apple, lemon, toasty nose with creamy apple and tropical fruit flavors in a wonderfully balanced wine. Bravo! -T. Marquardt & P. Darr

International Wine Cellar

Bright yellow. Aromas of tropical and stone fruits, butterscotch, clove, grass, flowers and smoke. Fat and spicy on the palate, with sound acidity, but the new oak component currently dominates. Oaky on the back end. -S. Tanzer

GOLD

Orange County Fair, 2008

Buffalo News, Sept. 13, 2009

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Rated 92

Wine News

Forward aromas of grilled pineapple, nutmeg and banana peel. Lavish caramel and dark honey flavors with brown spice and charred oak accents. Supple finish with ready-to-drink apricot and peach notes.



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GOLD
Sonoma County Harvest Fair, 2008

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2005 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Ranked 92
Wine Spectator

A brilliant beam of ripe, intense fruit shows off green apple, green pear and spicy floral scents. Sleek and refined, this is graceful and polished. One of the best Dry Creek Chardonnays in memory. Drink now through 2010.

2004 HOME RANCH CHARDONNAY

Ranked #72 of 'Top 100 Wines of 2006'
Wine Spectator

Reveals aromas of butterscotch, caramelized tropical fruits and honeysuckle. It is a full bodied, textured white with admirable acidity and overall harmony.

Rated 90
Wine Advocate

Honeysuckle, tropical fruit, medium body, and good fruit and character. –R. Parker

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Wine Spectator

A bold style, complex and distinctive. Layers of rich fig, apricot, pear and melon are deep and perfumed. –T. Fish



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