

BARNETT VINEYARDS
Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

CHARDONNAY
Sangiaco Vineyard
Carneros
2006

Harvest Date:	October 10, 2006
Grape Source:	Sangiaco Vineyards of Sonoma-Carneros (Blocks: Vella)
Clonal Blend:	100% Chardonnay (100% Wente)
Yeast:	CY3079 (Burgundian isolate)
Fermentation:	Barrel Fermented, 45% Malolactic
Aging:	Aged 'Sur Lee' for 11 months in French Oak 35% new and 65% once used
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.56
Total Production:	480 cases
Release Date:	September 2007
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vineyard Notes: Typically within the Sangiaco Vineyards in Carneros individual blocks ripen at different rates. This is due to the soil they are on, the difference in clones and their specific climatic locations. In 2006 the Vella block came in first, which is typically so. Unfortunately heavy fog and warmth caused the other two blocks that we normally source from, the 'Bates' and 'Southern Sonoma' blocks, to have heavy amounts of rot. Thus resulting in our rejection of the fruit. Therefore this wine is an atypical example of our Sangiaco Chardonnay, but a wonderful example of a single clone (the Wente) of a single block within this great vineyard.

Winemaking Notes: The grapes are hand harvested at night and whole cluster pressed for maximum fruit intensity and lower solids in the juice. The fermentation began in the tank and then moved to French oak barrels. A cool fermentation temperature was used to slow the yeast down and retain fruit flavors. Only 45% of the wine was allowed to go through Malolactic. The wine aged sur lee for 11 months prior to racking, blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes: The wine exhibits intense stone fruit on the nose, plenty of pear with some underpinning peach blossom, as well as characters of lemon meringue pie and a flinty minerality. The mid palate is full, coming close to oily in texture with plenty of fresh natural acid present to balance it. Pure honey and nectarine flavors persist on the palate that is balanced by a continued steely minerality. The wine is showing wonderfully now but will continue to age for another 3-5 years.