

DOMAINE SERENE

CÔTE SUD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

616 CASES PRODUCED

v. 2003

"Côte Sud vineyard is one of the oldest Dijon clone vineyards in the United States."

TASTING NOTES - Tony Rynders, Winemaker

Enticing aromas of citrus blossom, yellow apple, quince, bartlett pear, caramel and cream. The palate is full-bodied, displaying ripe honeydew, kiwi, key lime, clove, caramel and hazelnut.

VINEYARD

Côte Sud is one of seven vineyards of Domaine Serene's Evenstad Estate located atop the southernmost of the Dundee Hills of Oregon. It is situated on a south-facing slope ranging from 550 - 680 feet in elevation. The majority of this vineyard was planted to Chardonnay in 1992 and is a combination of Dijon clones 75, 76, 78 and 96. Clone 95, on Riparia gloire, was added in 1998.

VINTAGE NOTES

Warm weather in late spring provided virtually ideal conditions for uniform flowering. Bloom concluded in 2 weeks and set was very good. Continued warm and dry conditions throughout the summer encouraged excellent flavor development in the grapes. Record heat accumulation led to an early harvest with unprecedented sugar levels. The resulting wine possesses the intensity and ripe flavor profile of the vintage.

AGING

11 months in French oak barrels of which 35% were new.

CROP YIELD

3.12 tons/acre.



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