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Winemaker's Tasting Notes

This is a very exciting, one of a kind Chardonnay. The aroma is bursting out of the glass with Anjou pear, white peach, and cinnamon spice. The flavor is a surprising mouthful of richness, yet refinement. Succulent white peach and Anjou pear fruit are complimented by lovely spiced cinnamon and clove. The center is juicy while the finish is fresh and lasts and lasts. By the way, Argyle's 2000 vintage of this wine is drinking very well just now. It is still youthful, and is highly sought by Chardonnay enthusiasts.

Winemaker's Production Notes

The 2006 vintage was a very comfortable vintage with very little drama. Spring brought plenty of sunshine and heat. This is quite a contrast to 2004 and 2005 poor fruit set vintages. 2006 had the third highest heat units since 1983.

Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 100% Dijon Clone Chardonnay
Vineyard: Knudsen
AVA: Dundee Hills
Alcohol: 14.0%
Brix: 23.0
Residual Sugar: None
Bottled: August 2007
Cases Produced: 300
Release Date: November 2008
Winemaker: Rollin Soles



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93 points

Wine Advocate

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“The 2006 Chardonnay Spirithouse is sold only at the winery tasting room, but it is worth a detour if you are in the neighborhood. It offers up a superb bouquet of wood smoke, mineral, baking spice, butterscotch, and other tropical nuances. Elegant on the palate with superb depth and concentration, this richly fruited effort owes more to Burgundy than Sonoma. It will provide pleasure for another 6 years.” - Jay Miller

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