

# MERCY

## 2009 Chardonnay Arroyo Seco

### VINEYARD NOTES

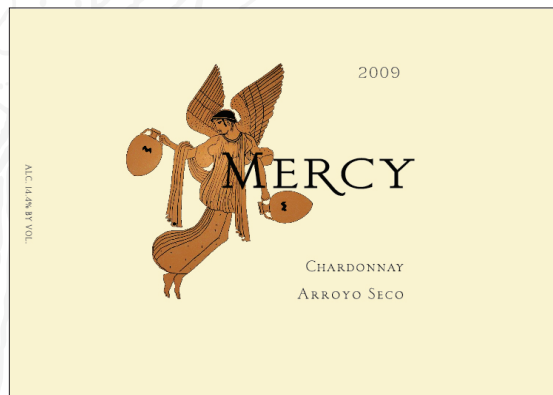
The progeny of two great vineyards, Zabala and Griva, this wine demonstrates the distinctive nature of the Arroyo Seco AVA. The Zabala vineyard is located in the northern, windiest portion of the appellation, on what once was the Arroyo Seco river bed. Established in 1972, the Zabala supplies Mercy with clone 4 Chardonnay. The Griva Vineyard sits on a contoured bench above the south side of the river. Planted to multiple clones of Chardonnay, Mercy specifically sources Robert Young Selection from this fine vineyard. Both properties feature shallow, gravelly top soils and the ubiquitous “Greenfield Potatoes” (river stones) that limit yields and heighten flavor intensity.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand-harvested on separate dates in October 2009, the fruit was whole-cluster pressed and racked to stainless steel tanks. Following two days of cold stabilization, the lots got inoculated with Prix de Mousse (yeast isolate). The slowly fermenting juice was then transferred to small French oak barrels. Barrel fermented and aged for nine months *sur lie*, the wine completed malolactic fermentation and was bottled on Aug. 6, 2010.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine typifies the cool, marine-influenced appellation, and showcases its regional prowess for the cultivation of distinct Chardonnay. In the bouquet aromas of citrus mingle with bosc pear, vanilla, nutmeg and mineral notes. The palate reveals similar broad and rich flavors with creamy textures, crisp acidity and a lingering finish.



### TECHNICAL DATA

<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	Zabala Vineyard (78%) Griva Vineyard (22%)
<b>COMPOSITION:</b>	100% Chardonnay Clones: 4 & Robert Young
<b>HARVEST:</b>	October 6 & 20, 2009 24.3° Brix (avg)
<b>FERMENTATION:</b>	100% Barrel Fermented 100% Malolactic
<b>OAK:</b>	French Oak, 28% New
<b>BOTTLED:</b>	August 6, 2010
<b>ACIDITY:</b>	0.61
<b>pH:</b>	3.69
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.4%
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	697 cases
<b>RETAIL PRICE:</b>	\$22.00
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	Aug 2011

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