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TASTING HIGHLIGHTS: INCREDIBLE CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY *11 Great Wines from the 2006 Vintage*

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KISTLER Chardonnay Sonoma Mountain McCrea Vineyard 2006 Score: 95 | \$75

Fresh, rich and vibrant, deep and concentrated, showing spicy green apple and pear flavors, with lemon-citrus shading. This is full-bodied and gains velocity on the finish, where it holds its focus. Drink now through 2013. 3,634 cases made. —J.L.

KISTLER Chardonnay Russian River Valley Vine Hill Vineyard 2006 Score: 94 | \$75

Intense, trim and delicate, with a subtle, tightly knit beam of rich fig, apricot, melon and spicy hazelnut flavors, all of which build and gain depth on the finish. Drink now through 2012. 3,640 cases made. —J.L.

KISTLER Chardonnay Carneros Hudson Vineyard 2006 Score: 93 | \$75

Offers a rich, intense, layered mix of flavors, centered around smoky fig, apricot, melon and spice. Tight, concentrated and persistent. Best from 2010 through 2014. 1,818 cases made. —J.L.

*Great
value!*

LANDMARK Chardonnay Sonoma County Damaris Reserve 2006 Score: 93 | \$40

Rich, complex aromatics of fig, honeydew melon, spice and citrus are concentrated, deep and layered, well-focused and balanced, ending with a long, full finish. Drink now through 2012. 2,000 cases made. —J.L.

CHATEAU ST. JEAN Chardonnay Sonoma County Reserve 2006 Score: 92 | \$45

Perfumed floral, honeysuckle and creamy oak join ripe pear and apple scents to give this elegant, full-bodied wine a complex and delicate aftertaste, turning smoky. Drink now through 2013. 4,600 cases made. —J.L.

HANZELL Chardonnay Sonoma Valley 2006 Score: 92 | \$70

Flinty, with a tight beam of mineral, white peach, nectarine, green apple and lime flavors that are concentrated, keeping the focus on the vibrant fruit. Drink now through 2014. 3,253 cases made. —J.L.

KISTLER Chardonnay Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2006 Score: 92 | \$75

Serves up a complex mix of flavors, with ripe, spicy apple, pear, honeysuckle and fig. Full-bodied, deep and persistent, ending with a citrusy mineral edge. Drink now through 2012. 3,628 cases made. —J.L.

KISTLER Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Durrell Vineyard 2006 Score: 92 | \$75

Intense and full-bodied, with a fresh, vibrant, supple core of spicy apple, honeysuckle and citrus flavors that are well-balanced, clean and pure. Drink now through 2013. 1,810 cases made. —J.L.

KISTLER Chardonnay Sonoma Valley Kistler Vineyard 2006 Score: 90 | \$80

A touch of mint joins ripe, rich, complex green apple and pear flavors in this full-bodied, complex youngster, retuning to the minty note on the finish. Drink now through 2013. 1,815 cases made. —J.L.

NICHOLSON RANCH Chardonnay Sonoma Valley Cuvée Natalie 2006 Score: 90 | \$48

A rich, buttery style, with layers of pear, apple and a touch of graham cracker. Full-bodied, focused and persistent. Drink now through 2013. 325 cases made. —J.L.

MALDONADO Chardonnay Sonoma County Parr Vineyard 2006 Score: 89 | \$24

Offers a mix of ripe pear, peach and spicy floral scents, with a delicate texture that fans out on the finish, ending with a touch of vanilla and mineral. Drink now through 2012. 900 cases made. —J.L.