



### 2008 Parallel Russian River Chardonnay

**The Wine:** PARALLEL Russian River 2008 Chardonnay

**Release date:** May 1, 2009    **AVA:** Russian River    **Harvest Date:** 9/12/08  
**Fruit:** 100% Chardonnay    **Alcohol:** 14.4%, **pH:** 3.43    **Brix** (at harvest): 24.6 brix  
**Aging:** 14 months in new 400 Liter French Oak Puncheons  
**Production:** 274 cases of 750ml    **Price:** \$44 per 750ml Bottle

**The Winemaker's description of the Chardonnay:** "This 100% Chardonnay fruit from one of the oldest vineyards in the Russian River Valley was produced in classic 100% French Oak Puncheons resulting in a full bodied wine, creamy yet light on it feet, well balanced and seductive, exhibiting a touch of acidity, spice, coconut, and minerality." *Philippe Melka, Winemaker*

**The Winemaker:** Philippe Melka has been with Parallel since day one. Robert Parker, in writing for *Food & Wine*, named him "One of the Nine Most Influential Winemakers in the World", "2005 Winemaker of the Year" and "One of the aspiring stars of Napa Valley," *Wine Spectator*, and most importantly the never-ending praises of our customers.

**The Vineyard:** The vineyard has been under the same family ownership for generations, resulting in the most experienced vineyard management imaginable. And, the 2008 Parallel Russian River fruit is sourced from vines over 30 years old.

**The Name:** Parallel Russian River captures the essence of the lines carved by skis on the first run of the day - as illustrated on the label - the commonalities among Russian River, Napa Valley and Deer Valley, and crisscrossing lives of the eight partners.

**The Company:** Parallel is a partnership of close friends of thirty years, whose business and life successes combined with a love of wine and skiing, have led them to this adventure. The balance between entrepreneurial success and giving back to their communities is a philosophy that has tied the partners together over the years. They have found individual and group success in the areas of real estate development and sales, ski resort creation and construction, education and academia, hospitality and retail, corporate accounting, agriculture and environmental conservation. As a group they have focused their energy and privately donated over \$1 million to Park City schools; spearheaded development and fundraising for a 1,200-seat performing arts center; renovated and saved the historic Egyptian Theater; initiated the first student exchange program with mainland China; and served in Rotary, on several non-profit boards, School Boards and City Council. The partners continue to support charities including the US Ski and Snowboard Foundation, through wine donations and auction packages and have raised more than \$400,000 since launching Parallel.

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