

# 2007 Chardonnay Lake County

## History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing "**World's greatest wines**". Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920; some of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area's grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has close to 10,000 acres of planted vineyards, and is among the fastest growing regions in California. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as **High Valley** and **Red Hills**-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute's Code of Sustainable farming practices.

## Winemaking Notes

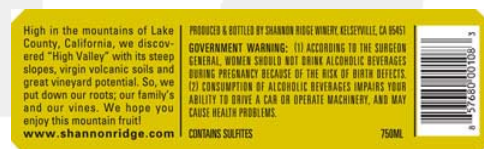
The grapes used to produce our 2007 Shannon Ridge Lake County Chardonnay show great varietal character. This wine was barrel fermented and oak aged for five months in 100% American oak barrels, 15% new barrels. To enhance richness, depth and mouth feel and to elevate the ripe fruit characters, we blended in 4% stainless steel fermented fruit.

## Tasting Notes

**Color:** Bright, straw like, clean  
**Aroma:** Green apple, lemon drop, vanilla, butter  
**Flavor:** Crème Brulée, green apple, toasty oak  
**Texture:** Roundness and depth of complexity integrate well into an elevated mouth feel, leaving a clean lively extended finish

## Technical Data

<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.15%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.58 g/mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.64
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	0.31%
<b>Composition/Blend:</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Appellation:</b>	Lake County
<b>Barrels:</b>	American Oak
<b>Time in Barrels:</b>	6 Months
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	5,085



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**Suggested Retail:** \$24.00  
**Stock#:** SN07CH

