



2009 Olivia Brion

CHARDONNAY

Unfiltered

Heron Lake Vineyard, Wild Horse Valley

Notes

Toasted hazelnuts and citrus blossoms. Bright mouth-watering acidity—makes my mouth smile immediately. Butterscotch, white peaches, kiwi and key lime, opening to crème brulee creaminess and richness. Expansive midpalate and the broad rich finish goes on and on.

Sixteen months of barrel fermentation and aging has added extra depth and potential longevity plus lovely vanillins. Not at all “overoaked” because of this extended barrel regime. Like the best Burgundies, we ferment this chardonnay in the special barrels made by Latour and Francois Frères. The integrity of the wine is maintained by bottling without filtration.

David Mahaffey, *winegrower*