

Dylan

2006 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, USA

Name Story Dylan is a Welsh name meaning "of the sea" in homage to Western Sonoma Valley's cool, marine climate which is ideal for growing Chardonnay.

Vineyards and Winemaking Sandy loam soils on rolling hillsides along the Russian River. Whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented. Aged on the lees for 10 months in French oak.

Grapes 100% Chardonnay. Picked: September 29–October 26, 2006.

Tasting Notes *Aroma:* Citrus, stone fruit with floral and sweet cream overtones. *Taste:* Fresh citrus and apple pie with bright acidity and a lush, lingering finish.

Drink by Date Now through 2012.

Winemaker *Dan Goldfield.* Named *San Francisco Chronicle's* "Winemaker to Watch," Dan Goldfield has worked at some of the best wineries in Sonoma (La Crema, Hartford Court) before joining the Oriel team. He masterfully employs traditional Burgundian-style techniques to create elegant, expressive wines.

Reviews




94 pts. Best Buy. *"The fruit tastes as if just ripe, so there's still firmness to it. And it tastes as if the moment it was picked has been preserved: The flavors are fresh, intense and distinct. They build with each taste into layers, along with sophisticated mineral character, dried fruits and a hint of coriander. A delicious California Chardonnay, vinous and bright."*