



**PESSAGNO**  
WINERY

**2005 Chardonnay**

Intrinity

*Santa Lucia Highlands*

**Harvest Dates**

*October 8 – 27, 2005*

**Harvest Brix**

26.7

**Months in Oak**

*Eleven*

**Alcohol**

14.9%

**pH**

3.37

**TA**

*7.15 grams/liter*

**Rs**

0.23%

**258 six-pack cases bottled**

*October 16, 2006*

**Suggested Retail**

*\$45.00/bottle*

THE VINEYARDS

Intrinity is the only wine we make that is not from a specific vineyard designation. It does, however, come entirely from vineyards located in the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation the most notable ones being Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, Lucia Highlands Vineyard, and Kelly's Vineyard. It is our finest effort in the art of Chardonnay winemaking.

THE VINTAGE

Due to a warmer and wetter winter than usual, both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were in full budbreak by February 28th, an early start to the growing season to say the least. The period of May through August saw below average summer temperatures with the warmest day only reaching 88 °F; slowing maturation in the vineyard to a snail's pace. Harvest started in late September, and the extended growing season resulted in very high quality fruit due to extended "hang-time" on the vine.

THE WINEMAKING

The 2005 Intrinity was selected from the five very best barrels of Chardonnay in the entire vintage, regardless of vineyard origin. It was blended in late June and allowed to "meld" for several months prior to bottling. Our usual Burgundian winemaking practices were employed such, as sur lee aging, weekly stirring, and not fined.

TASTING NOTES

The 2005 Intrinity Chardonnay is our first release of what we consider to be a complex, deeply concentrated wine with layers of apple, ripe pear, pineapple, and caramel from new French oak aging. This wine is truly elegant with stylish complexity.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Intrinity was contrived by my third son Robert when he was only seven. While conversing on the unending expansiveness of the pursuit of lofty personal goals and aspirations, he told me it was like "Intrinity." I asked him to define what he believed "Intrinity" meant to him. His reply: "Going on and on forever trying to reach a goal and not being able to get there." It was a spoonerism of "Infinity" and "Eternity." Intrinity will always be our highest winemaking pursuit.

Steve Pessagno, Winemaker