

PESSAGNO WINERY



2006 CHARDONNAY

INTRINITY™

Santa Lucia Highlands

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

February was dry and warm bringing our vines out of their winter slumber in early March. Cold weather returned mid-month with two days of snow, while the ensuing months saw record rainfall and cloud cover not experienced since 1906. This resulting in delayed vine growth and ripening for all varieties. From July through the end of harvest we bounced between extreme periods of high heat and cold, dense fog. Harvested started in mid October, and the extended growing season resulted in high quality fruit due to extended "hang-time" on the vine.

The Winemaking

The 2006 Intrinity was selected from the eight 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 no fining.

Tasting Notes

The 2006 Intrinity Chardonnay is our second 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. Its predecessor, the 2005 Vintage, won numerous Gold medals and 90+ scores.

Additional Notes

Intrinity was contrived by my third son Robert when he was only seven. While conversing on the unending expansiveness of the universe and 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



Harvest *October 17–November 4, 2006*

Brix 26.3

Months In Oak *Eleven*

Alcohol 14.9%

pH 3.37

TA 7.65 grams/liter

Rs 0.23%

Production *396 six-pack cases bottled, October 22, 2007*

Suggested Retail \$45