



Grand Firepeak C U V É E

2003 EDNA VALLEY, FIREPEAK VINEYARD
"The GFC"
CHARDONNAY

Take the best of the vintage. The best blocks of the vineyard and endless hours in the cellar tasting through each individual barrel. The result, limited quantities of the finest Cuvee our Firepeak Vineyard and winemaker Christian Roguenant have to offer. Simply, our best of the best.

Appellation & the 2003 Growing Season

The Firepeak Vineyard is located in the Edna Valley at the foot of Islay Mountain, the last in a chain of extinct volcanoes known as the Seven Sisters. Located just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, the Firepeak Vineyard is the first to benefit from the cool maritime breezes funneling in from the Morro Bay. Everything the Niven family (Baileyana's owners) has learned in thirty years of research and grape growing has gone into this vineyard. The region is known for long summer days and distinctive evening fog, resulting in an extended growing season. This additional time on the vine allows the grapes to develop intense and complex varietal flavors while achieving optimum maturity levels. Low yields and small berries delivered superior concentration with ideal acid and pH levels. The resulting limited production wine represents a classic style that exhibits citrus and mineral notes backed by generous amounts of cool climate acidity.

Winemaker, Christian Roguenant's Comments:

"This wonderful union of winemaking and viticulture is a Chardonnay of tremendous concentration. Bright flavors of pear, pineapple, and citrus marry with a nuance of mineral. This limited production elegant wine is classic in style and reminiscent of a renowned *Crus de Beavne*."

Christian Roguenant

Baileyana and Firepeak Vineyard Facts & Figures

- **Founded** in 1991 by Catharine Niven whose husband Jack pioneered the planting of grapes in the Edna Valley in the early 1970's.
- **Winemaker, Christian Roguenant:** Born and educated in Burgundy. Has made wine on 5 continents.
- **Firepeak Vineyard:** Planted to Pinot Noir (5 clones), Chardonnay (3 clones), and Syrah (3 clones). Total acreage of 192 acres.
- **Soils:** Nicknamed "Dirt of the Devil" - clay loam, rocky marine sediment, and volcanic remnants.
- **The Edna Valley:** Located in San Luis Obispo. Established as an AVA in 1982.
- **Winery:** Built in 1999 to Christian Roguenant's specifications. High tech in design, yet old world tradition is the foundation of our winemaking practices.



"THE GFC"

Vineyard Source:	100% Chardonnay Firepeak Vineyard, Edna Valley
Clonal Selection:	96, 76, and 4
Tons per Acre	2.55 tons
Harvest Date:	9/26/03 - 10/30/03
Avg. Brix at Harvest:	24.6
Yeast Strains:	M2, CY 3079, D 47, & Native Yeasts
Fermentation:	100% Barrels 30 days @ 62 Degrees
Cooperage Used:	Remond, Cadus, Seguin Moreau, Damy
Barrel Regime:	20% New French Oak 35% 1 year 55% older French Oak
Barrel Aging:	7 months Sur-Lies
% ML:	10%
Alcohol:	14.1%
Acid:	7.16 gms/l
pH @ Bottling:	3.35
Bottling Date:	June 12, 2004
Aging Potential:	7 to 12 years
Cases Produced:	557 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$30.00

