



Grand Firepeak C U V É E

2004 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, the finest Cuvee our Firepeak Vineyard and winemaker Christian Roguenant have to offer. Simply, our best of the best.

Appellation & the 2004 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. The 2004 is very similar to the 2002, only fuller, rounder and more viscous. The viscosity is attributed to the fact that the wine was bottled unfiltered. It has bright flavors of citrus and minerals, along with tropical pear and pineapple. It's the best Chardonnay Baileyana has made so far.

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. Our first unfiltered effort has given us a wine that is intense and fuller with classic cool climate characteristics."

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	3.45 tons
Harvest Date:	9/18/04 - 9/25/04
Avg. Brix at Harvest:	24.1
Yeast Strains:	Epernay 2, D254, M2, C19 & Native Yeasts
Fermentation:	100% Barrels
Cooperage Used:	Remond, Cadus, Seguin Moreau, Damy
Barrel Regime:	11% New French Oak 30% 1 year 59% older French Oak
Barrel / Tank Aging:	6 months Sur-Lies 6 months tank Sur-Lies
% ML:	0%
Alcohol:	14.1%
Acid:	7.07 gms/l
pH @ Bottling:	3.38
Bottling Date:	August 21, 2005 Unfiltered
Aging Potential:	5 to 7 years
Cases Produced:	2,326 cases 200 cases 375 ml

