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**DALA**  
Chardonnay

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#### THE VINTAGE

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#### THE GROUNDWORK

The word Dala in Apache language means, "ONE." When you see the word Dala on one of our bottles of wine, you can always assume that the grapes we used to make that wine are of ONE varietal only. Hence, Dala Chardonnay is 100% Chardonnay.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Pineapple and star fruit notes play off just a hint of fresh cream, almonds and baked apples in this broad chardonnay, which shows zesty, enlivening acidity, providing lots of muscle. The firm acidity finds precision balance with the silky, mouthwatering texture and a long lingering finish. Finely tuned.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Sole with a Lemon Beurre Blanc, scallops wrapped with bacon on the barbecue or chicken cooked with cream and morels.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Grapes: Chardonnay

Vineyards: Arizona Stronghold and Bonita Springs

Alcohol: 14.1%

Ageing: Neutral Oak

Cases: 800

Bottled: 5.15.2011

Winemakers: Eric Glomski and Tim White

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