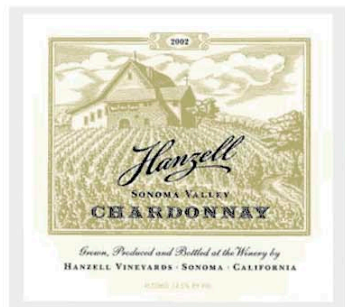


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2001 Sonoma Valley Chardonnay

The Hanzell vineyard sits at 800 feet, high above the town of Sonoma and directly in sight of the Petaluma Gap. The cooling winds from that gap in the coastal hills has made the chardonnay from this vineyard a California classic — along with the fact that it's one of the oldest chardonnay plantings in the state (some of the vines are 50 years old). The '01 is all of a piece, its scents of nectarine, kumquat and apple incorporating the wine's oak and acidity into a smooth richness. 2001 was Daniel Docher's first vintage as winemaker, having trained with Bob Sessions for six years before Sessions retired. Together, they grew Hanzell chardonnays with ageability in mind, and this one will reward years in the cellar. (2,422 cases) *Hanzell Vineyards, Sonoma, CA*