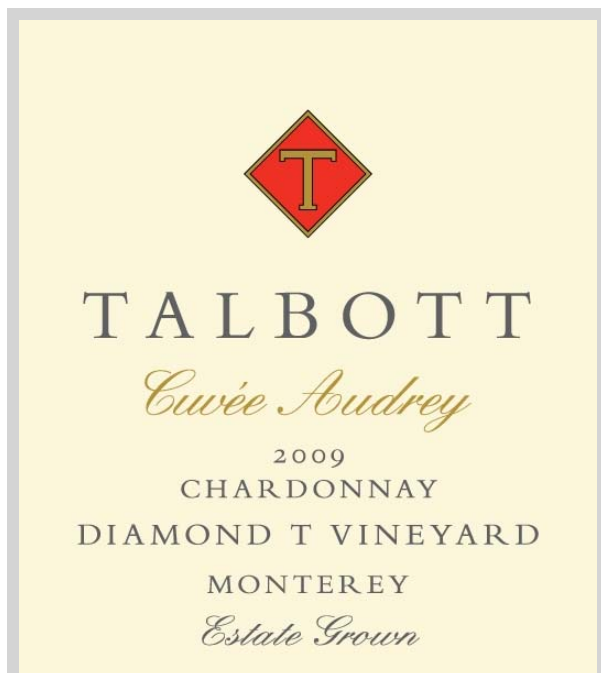




2009 TALBOTT CHARDONNAY CUVÉE AUDREY



Cuvée Audrey is the rarest and most distinctive Chardonnay in our portfolio. It is made by selecting the finest barrels of Chardonnay from Diamond T Vineyard. Cuvée Audrey is named for Audrey Sharpe Talbott, Robert Talbott's late mother.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Chardonnay
- Alcohol 15.1%, pH 3.37, TA .64
- Whole-cluster pressed
- Predominantly barrel-fermented
- Barrel-aged 12 months sur lie in French oak barrels (30% new), stirred twice a month
- Bottle-aged 12 months prior to release

VINEYARDS

Diamond T Vineyard is a testimony to Robb Talbott's determination to make the finest possible wines, regardless of the cost or effort required. Personally planted in 1982 by Robb, this 14-acre vineyard grows in almost soil-free chalky shale on a 1,200-foot mountaintop. Due to these challenging growing conditions, crop yields are extremely low at Diamond T. Located eight miles from Carmel Bay, Diamond T has a southern exposure that benefits from cool ocean fog, both in the morning and the evening. This moderating marine influence leads to an extended growing season. As a result, the grapes from Diamond T are intensely flavorful.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Cuvée Audrey has aromatics of pineapple, white peach, lemon and toasted hazelnut. The pineapple, peach and lemon notes continue on the palate, displaying a sophisticated structure balancing crisp acidity, complex minerality and a creamy mouthfeel.

