



## **2006 Kali Hart Chardonnay**

Kali Hart is a stand-alone “winery within a winery” program, named for the Talbott family’s youngest daughter, Kalin Hart. This wine portrays the youthful and vibrant characteristics of its namesake. First introduced in 1999 (1997 vintage), the style of this wine is meant to showcase regional influences. As such, Kali Hart Chardonnay is crafted to be the embodiment of regional characteristics in the cool growing area of the Santa Lucia Highlands. The wine’s style is Talbott-influenced with restrained oak and high acid, overlaid by a richness of flavor and underscored by a pleasing mouthfeel.

### **Vineyards**

The fruit is sourced from distinct blocks of Talbott’s River Road and Sleepy Hollow Vineyards, located in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The vines, planted in 1989 and 1990, are the youngest on the estate and the grapes for Kali Hart are from modern clones. This Chardonnay is crafted from 100 percent estate fruit, handpicked and sorted in the field, as well as in the winery.

### **Winemaking**

Lightly pressed into a combination of neutral French oak and stainless steel tank  
Cool, slow fermentation  
Partial malolactic fermentation  
Aged sur lie for six months

### **Tasting Notes**

This Chardonnay is light-to-medium straw in appearance with good clarity and brilliance. The nose shows bright tropical fruit notes along with ripe melon, honeysuckle, fresh-cut grass, and citrus elements. On the palate, vibrant fruit flavors of pineapple, honeydew melon, and kiwi are apparent, complemented by youthful, refreshing acidity. A generous mid-palate gives way to a finish with sweet-tart citrus notes of lemon, tangerine, and ripe nectarine. A clean, focused acid presence is also evident throughout the finish. Kali Hart Chardonnay is intended to be enjoyed within a year or so of release.

**Composition**            **100% Chardonnay**

**Technical Notes**        **3.47 pH**  
                                  **.73 Total acidity**  
                                  **14.4% Alcohol**

**Release Date**            **August 2007**

**Suggested Retail**        **\$13.50**