



AWARDS

As of the beginning of the year, Chamberg wines have garnered over 60 medals in national and international wine competitions. The 1998 Sauvignon blanc won a Gold Medal at the prestigious Royal Easter Show in Auckland, New Zealand in March 1999 and additionally was awarded the Trophy Wine as the best of 1998 Sauvignon blanc wines produced in our county. The 2000 Sauvignon Blanc won the Top 100 Wines and Gold Medal out of 1,720 entries from 21 countries at the 2001 International Wine Competition in Napa, California in December 2000. The 2000 Noble Riesling dessert wine won a Gold Medal and the Trophy for Champion Wine - Medium / Sweet and the entire competition Trophy for Champion Wine of Show at the Air France Wine Awards in Paris in November 2001 as the finest wine produced in California as judged in that competition.

WINEMAKER AND GENERAL MANAGER

Alistair Eamon is Winemaker/Vineyard Manager of Chamberg Winery. Alistair manages all winemaking and viticulture activities at Chamberg Winery. His understanding of microclimates, the local soils and the wines they produce enable him to create Estate wines that best express the character of each individual vineyard. As a winegrower, he believes that the best winemaking begins in the vineyards. Alistair personally manages the Estate's extensive new vineyard developments and all aspects of the Estate's wine production.

Focused to the limited production of red Bordeaux varietals and small lots of Chardonnay, Viognier, and Shiraz, Chamberg Winery employs minimal intervention or 'ancient' winemaking techniques. The Chamberg Winery Estate is committed to hand harvesting and hand sorting each grape cluster prior to crushing. This is a meticulous and labor-intensive method, but it ensures that only the finest, fully matured grapes are used in our Chamberg wines. This approach includes small lot whole cluster pressing, de-stemming, cold soaking, extended maceration, barrel-to-barrel racking and bottling without filtration.

This minimalist approach preserves and expresses the true varietal character of



Chamberg Signature wines. Our main focus is to grow a classic red Bordeaux

blend that displays the finest qualities of the Estate's unique soils and microclimate.

THE LAND

The land is sandy loam over graded gravel, well drained, and with abundant water for drip irrigation control of vine vigor. Pacific ocean winds lessen the risk of vine diseases. The latitude and intense sunshine of the Northern California coast without air pollution and the marine environment give a long and cool growing season for slow and optimum ripening of grapes. This climate pattern promotes the development of varietal fruit characters which are then preserved by the winemaker.

Our trellis system is the Scott Henry type with upward and downward curtains of leaves to support two central fruiting wires with canes or, in some cases, cordons. The rows are in a north-south orientation to take full advantage of the morning and afternoon sun. In addition, the pre-dominant air flow is to the north and the row orientation therefore aids in spring and autumn frost protection.



THE WATER

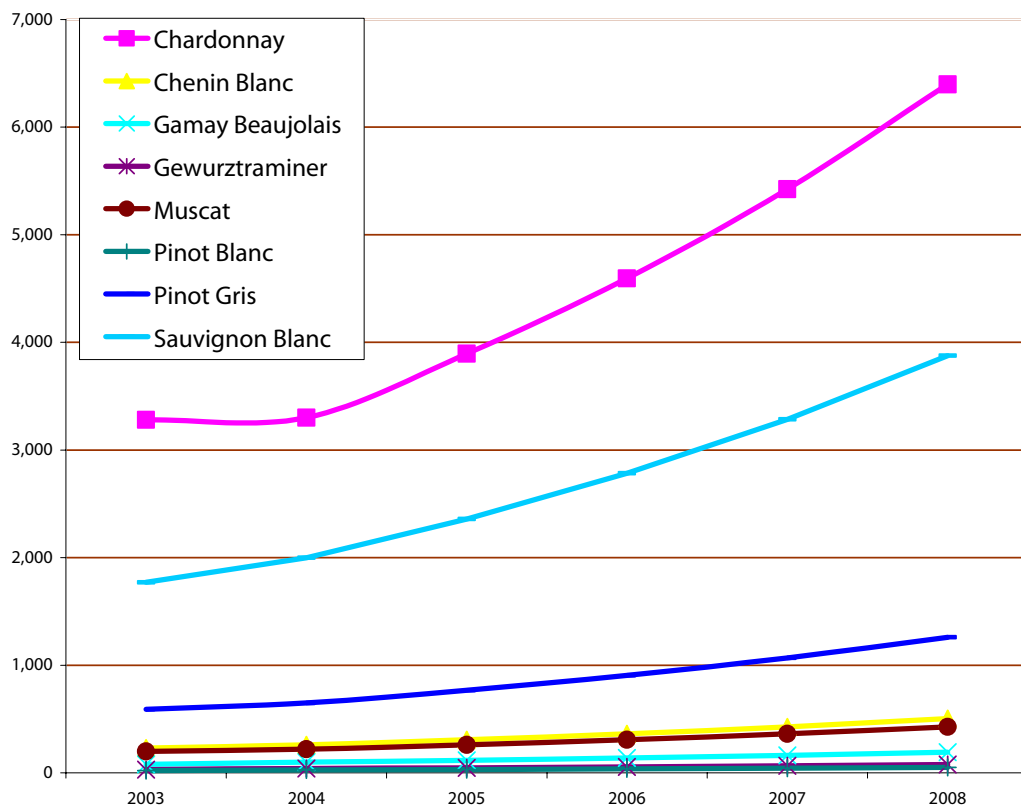
Water is one of the most important factors in producing premium wine grapes. There are many ways of determining soil moisture but most of these measurements relate to the volume of water held in a given volume of soil. Unfortunately, this is not the governing factor for plant health. Vine roots must expend energy to extract water from soil and this energy is described by the pressure needed for such extraction (called the matric potential).

Fortunately there are very inexpensive devices for measuring soil water "pressure" and these are used extensively at various soil depths throughout the vineyards at Chamberg Winery to

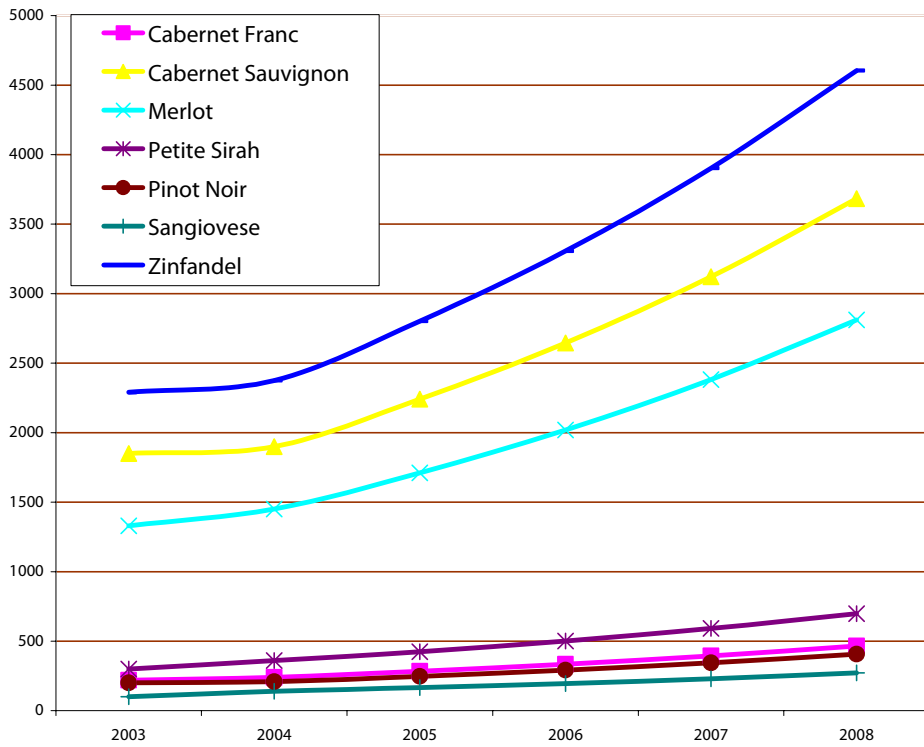
evaluate the water status at and below the root zone. Ideally the root zone should be adequately hydrated.

PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

White Wines



Red Wines



ABOUT THE WINES

PINOT NOIR

This is the flagship wine of the Chamberg Winery because the terroir is optimum for this delicate and somewhat finicky grape. This variety presents a real challenge to the vineyard and winery staff. Vineyard grape maturation and winery preservation of the black cherry and currant flavors and aromas and development of sufficient color without extracting bitter seed and skin tannins are the goals of this process.



MERLOT

The second red variety produced in this cool climate area. It ripens reliably in the long cool growing season and produces a finely textured, deeply colored wine with a soft easily drinkable character. Some of the world's most expensive wines are produced from the Merlot grape.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

This is perhaps the most famous of our white wines. It was the first to gain worldwide acclaim for its fresh and fruit driven style. It has a distinct aroma which is enhanced by a trellis system which exposes the growing grapes to sunshine. This aroma can be lost and be replaced by herbaceous "grassy" characters if the developing fruit is shaded by a dense leaf canopy.

The Chamberg Winery 1998 Sauvignon Blanc was awarded a Gold Medal and presented with a Trophy as the finest wine of this variety produced in New Zealand in 1998 (Liquorland Royal Easter Show, Auckland, March 1999).

RIESLING

Riesling is one of the most aromatic of the varieties produced by Chamberg Winery. Only Gewürztraminer could claim to have a more definite aroma. This is characteristic of this grape and is related to a class of compounds called "terpines." Interestingly, these same compounds are thought to be the reason that Riesling can be aged for many years; an unusual trait for a white wine.

CHARDONNAY

The Chardonnay has been our top selling white wine of choice for the majority of consumers for many years. In the vineyard it is a relatively bland grape with none of the strong varietal characters demonstrated by Sauvignon Blanc or Riesling. However, winemakers enjoy working with this grape because its wine can be made in many different styles, with or without oak aging or malolactate fermentation.



SPARKLING WINE

This wine is mixed with a small amount of sugar and re-fermented in the bottle and aged with the yeast for one to three years before expelling the yeast and closing the bottle with the traditional "Champagne cork." Traditionally the base wine is of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and one or two additional wines in smaller amounts. When made from pure Pinot Noir it is often called "Blanc de Noir." Chamberg Winery produces sparkling wines in the traditional manner, using Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and occasionally Pinot Gris. Often sparkling wines are made from blends of different years of wines but the sparkling wines of Chamberg are from wines of a single vintage and are therefore vintage dated.

THE TECHNOLOGY

At Chamberg Winery, we make extensive use of Infrared photography that shows healthy vegetation in red and is an excellent method for surveying large agricultural areas for plant stress. Healthy foliage is presented in red and areas of stress (water, nutrients and disease, especially phylloxera) are easily recognized as lighter shades of red to yellow. The natural land contours with slight differences in soil fertility can be identified. Such subtle changes over a wide area are difficult to appreciate from ground observations. Chamberg Winery uses such data to identify areas that are lagging in growth so that the local irrigation and fertigation parameters can be adjusted to bring the vineyard to uniformity. It is important that all the vines of a particular grape variety ripen at the same time to provide uniformly ripe fruit to the winery.

Our proximity to the Silicon Valley gives us the ability to work with leading-edge technology providers that can help us find innovative solutions to centuries-old problems. An example is the first winery installation of a double-flange pump that will be installed in our newest plant next quarter. This double-flange pump was designed specifically for Chamberg Winery and will help us dramatically increase our wine-making capacity.

OUR DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

Chamberg wines are available for purchase at the winery depending on current availability. Direct shipping is also available to many areas. However, our distribution partners are the most convenient way to obtain our fine wines.

As our new vineyards mature and our case production increases, we will expand our wine distribution throughout the United States and abroad. Due to the extremely limited supply of the Chamberg Signature wines, it may be possible that certain varietals or vintages may be out of stock. Chamberg Winery is represented by many fine wholesalers in the United States and internationally.

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