



Harvest Dates: Sept 26 – Oct. 24, 2006  
Clones: Wente, Robert Young Clone 4  
Bottling Dates: June 26 – July 7, 2007  
Production: 2507 cases  
Alcohol: 13.8%  
Total Acidity: 0.70 g/100mL  
pH: 3.61

## 2006 KELLER ESTATE LA CRUZ VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Crafted in a classic, Rich style, the Keller Estate 2006 La Cruz Vineyard Chardonnay is a reflection of our estate's terroir and artisan winemaking style. Plush fruit flavors mingle with a crisp, bright acidity to create a beautifully textured wine defined by a creamy viscosity. Toasty caramel and vanilla flavors are achieved through barrel fermentation and oak aging.

At Keller Estate, we have three different vineyard sections (known as “blocks”) planted to Chardonnay. At harvest each block and each clone, or sub-varietal, are picked, fermented and aged separately. Block 5, planted with clone 4 in 1989, is the oldest vineyard on the ranch. This block provides structure and bracing acidity, along with ripe apple and pear flavors. Block 6 was planted in 1998 to the Wente clone, widely known for its floral, aromatic qualities. The Wente and Robert Young clones were selected for this vintage, the Robert Young clone adding a rich, broad texture to the wine.

The 2006 growing season started off with a cool, wet spring. Fewer clusters appeared on the vines than in other vintages, but the resulting fruit was of high quality. A period of warm weather came through our estate in mid-July. Otherwise, the growing season was fairly mild, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly.

Early morning harvesting, hand picking and whole cluster pressing are critical components of this handcrafted wine. After fermentation in small French oak barrels (28% new) the wine is inoculated with both native and commercial yeasts for greater complexity. Complete malolactic fermentation was achieved by regular stirring of the blend while in barrel. The wine spent an additional 8 months in barrel prior to bottling.

*Ana Keller - Proprietor*

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*Keller Estate  
history facts*

### The Key

The Keller Family roots originate from Switzerland, and in our label this is exemplified by the presence of the Swiss flag in the family Crest. If you look carefully, you can see the key in the center.

Keller in German means cellar keeper.