

# WINE NEWS

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## Two Top Ten Chardonnays of the Year

### **94 2006 C. DONATIELLO CHARDONNAY**

*Orsi Vineyard*, **RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

Solid gold hue. Lovely pineapple, banana and butterscotch aromas. Layers of creamy, tropical fruit flavors with hints of chalk, minerals and toasted oak. The finish is laced with fresh, youthful acidity balancing the overall sweetness. \$38

### **93 2006 C. DONATIELLO CHARDONNAY**

**RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

Gold with a flash of green. An enticing bouquet of butterscotch, grilled pineapple and brown spice with lightly toasted oak. A delicious, well-made wine offering layers of opulent peach and caramel flavors laced with vanillin oak. Excellent length with apple, cinnamon and lingering caramel notes. \$28

**7 & 8 Vineyard, 2006 "8" Chardonnay, Reserve, Spring Mountain, Napa Valley**

**Barnett Vineyards, 2006 Chardonnay, Sangiacomo Vineyard, Carneros**

**Beringer, 2006 Chardonnay, Sbragia Limited-Release, Napa Valley**

**Chateau St. Jean, 2006 Chardonnay, Robert Young Vineyard, Alexander**

**Gary Farrell, 2006 Chardonnay, Russian River Selection, Russian River Valley**

**Morgan, 2006 Hat Trick Chardonnay, Double L Vineyard, Santa Lucia**

**Nickel & Nickel, 2006 Chardonnay, Medina Vineyard, Russian River Valley**

**Shafer, 2006 Chardonnay, Red Shoulder Ranch, Carneros, Napa Valley**