

# GRGICH HILLS

**GOLD MEDAL**  
and **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD**  
1992 Farmer's Fair

**GOLD MEDAL**  
and **BEST OF CLASS**  
1992 San Diego National



**GOLD MEDAL!**  
1991 American Competition -  
Chardonnays

**GOLD MEDAL!**  
1992 Taster's Guild  
International

## *Napa Valley* **CHARDONNAY** 1989

The 1989 vintage was blessed with very favorable spring and summer temperatures. Fortunately, we had picked our grapes before it rained and so saved a precious crop with all the positive characteristics of ripe, rich, Chardonnay fruit. The grapes were picked at 22 to 23 degrees Brix with beautifully balanced acids.

This 1989 Chardonnay was fermented and aged in French Limousin oak barrels for eight months. Malolactic fermentation was intentionally prevented to retain the natural acids, aromas and flavors, and to increase the longevity of the wine for which the Grgich Hills Chardonnays are well-known. It should not surprise you that James Laube in his publication, *California's Great Chardonnays* classified our Chardonnays as "FIRST GROWTH" and gave them a collectibility rating of "AAA".

The aroma is rich and effusive, filled with the smell of ripe fruit - apples, pears, a hint of pineapple, and a touch of toasty oak. With similar flavors carrying through on the palate, this wine is medium to full-bodied with a supple feeling as you drink it. Best of all, this wine was specifically made to be enjoyed with food. The fruity flavors and delicate balance will serve to enhance your favorite seafood or poultry dishes.

### California GRAPEVINE

**FIRST PLACE...** Medium-light golden yellow color; pleasant, ripe, apple aroma; medium-full to full body; forward, fairly rich and flavorful in the mouth with firm structure and a slight hint of residual sweetness; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Grgich Hills Chardonnays traditionally do very well at our tastings and this wine from a troubled vintage comes through again. Very highly recommended.

-August-September 1991

### THE WINE SPECTATOR

**93**

A great 1989, with wonderful depth, richness and complexity. Broad, creamy pineapple, citrus and nutmeg flavors are intense and lively, finishing with a long aftertaste. Drink now through 1997. - Dec. 31, 1992

### WINE & SPIRITS

**92**

Wonderful range of aromas in harmony: apple, peach, lemon; soft vanilla and faintly smoky from well-integrated oak. Consistently praised for balance and a food-friendly finish. - April 1992

### **GRGICH HILLS CELLAR**

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