

# Matthiasson Family Wines

MATTHIASSON is a family endeavor, the effort of Steve and Jill Klein Matthiasson, as well as their two young sons and an extended family of vineyard and cellar workers. Steve & Jill both have had life-long careers in sustainable agriculture, and they apply those ideals of balance, restraint, and respect for the individual—and for the whole—to their wine. Their production is simple but careful. This concept is central to the tradition of viticulture and winemaking. Respect for this tradition forms the core of their work. To that end, their hands literally touch every vine and every bottle.



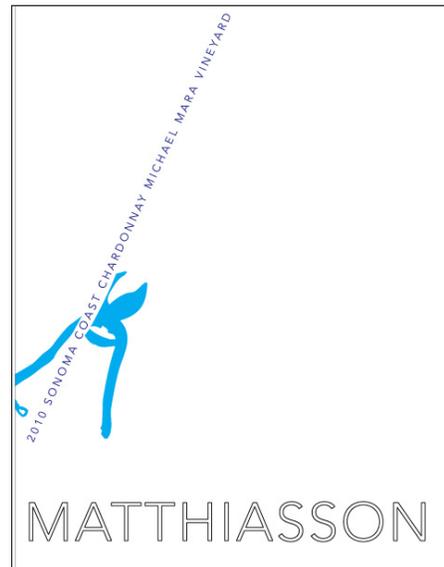
As a vineyard consultant Steve teaches and makes decisions, such as when to water and how to prune, on vineyards throughout Napa and Sonoma. Steve's current clients include Araujo Estate, Spottswoode, Chappellet, Robert Sinskey Vineyards, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Long Meadow Ranch, Trefethen, Limerick Lane, and others. On his own vineyards, however, Steve cares for the vines with his own hands, driving the tractor at night, and working with the crews on Sundays.

Matthiasson moved to Napa in 2002. In December 2006, they took their wine plans another step forward and bought a small parcel tucked behind a subdivision just west of the city of Napa. They began replanting the property's 3 1/2 acres of vineyard to an initial lot of Ribolla Gialla – traced back to Josko Gravner's vineyard in Friuli -- Merlot, Refosco, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Linda Vista Vineyard is now certified organic with many other sites in conversion.

Michael Mara



## Vineyard Chardonnay



**Varietal/Blend:** Chardonnay (clone 4)  
**Farming Practices:** practicing organic  
**Soil:** variable  
**Harvest Technique:** by hand (80% 'early' harvest)  
**Year Vines Were Planted:** 2007  
**Yeast:** ambient  
**Fermentation:** whole-cluster pressed the grapes, /settled in tank for 24 hours  
**Malolactic:** full malolactic fermentation for wine in two neutral barrels.  
**Maturation:** 18 months in neutral French oak  
**Alcohol:** 13.3%  
**Acidity:** 3.38 pH // TA 5.9 g/l  
**Fined:** no  
**Filtered:** light  
**Country:** United States  
**Region:** California  
**Subregion:** Sonoma Coast  
**Vineyard:** Michael Mara Vineyard

The Michael Mara Vineyard is west of the town of Sonoma, at the base of the Sonoma Mountain range. The soil is the result of a cataclysmic landslide that cascaded rocks and volcanic soil down onto one spot of the valley below. Surrounded by normal valley floor loam, the Michael Mara Vineyard is situated on a unique lobe of rocks and red soil.

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