

*“Mountain
vineyards,
classical
winemaking,
limited
production”*

POINT ROUGE CHARDONNAY

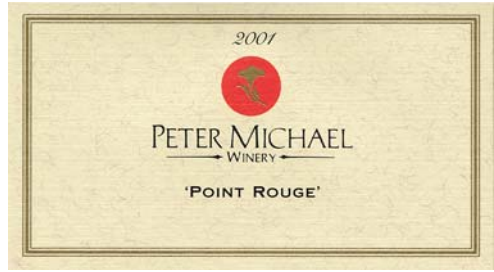
From our winemaker's selection of the finest Chardonnay barrels to the nurturing and the art of blending, Point Rouge is the ultimate Peter Michael Winery Chardonnay. Reflecting the wonderful gift of Nature, this harmonious, complex and unique wine will gracefully carry the memory of the vintage for decades to come.



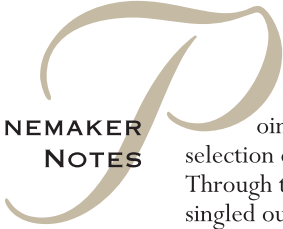
PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

**2001
POINT ROUGE**

Chardonnay



**WINEMAKER
NOTES**



Point Rouge, our rarest Chardonnay, is our winemaker's selection of the absolute top barrels from the entire vintage. Through tasting and blending trials these special barrels were singled out because of their exceptional quality and how they enhanced the overall blend.

From the 2001 vintage, 16 barrels were gradually isolated from the original 230 barrels produced.

The final cuvee was completed in December 2002 and is comprised of 12 barrels from the vineyards of La Carrière, Belle-Cote and the Alexander Mountain Estate. The judicious assemblage benefited from an extended 'sur lies' maturation.

**TASTING
NOTES**

The Point Rouge is the pinnacle of the Peter Michael family of Chardonnay. The wine is continually evolving offering a seemingly endless supply of aromas. It expresses harmonious and complex elements which alternate between apricot, orange, citrus, honeysuckle and an extraordinary minerality. The palate is multi-layered as well, carrying all of the aromas from the bouquet and adding hints of almond and vanilla. It is exceptionally expansive and round lingering on the palette, affording an impressively long finish. The Point Rouge already displays its complexity, but will continue to develop even more nuances over time.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: August 27th - September 8th, 2001

100% Barrel fermented.

100% of cuvée made using indigenous yeast.

Barrel aged sur lies 16 months with weekly bâtonnage

Bottled without fining or filtration January 27th, 2003

Alcohol 14.8 %

Production: 280 cases 750 ml bottles and 5 cases of magnums

Released: April 1st, 2003