

# 2010 Musqué Chardonnay 809



## BLEND

100% Chardonnay

## VINEYARDS

Dunnigan Hills  
JK Vineyard  
100% Estate Bottled

## CLONE

100% Chardonnay  
clone 809

## VINIFICATION

100% stainless steel,  
cold fermented

## CHEMISTRY

Appellation: Dunnigan Hills  
Farming: Sustainable Night Harvest  
TA: .71  
pH: 3.95  
Alcohol: 12.8%  
Residual Sugar: 1.84  
Production: 75 cases

## GRAPES

Musqué is a French term applied to certain varieties or clones of grapes used for making wine. The term means both perfumed ('musky') and Muscat-like, and indicates that the variety or clone is highly aromatic. The Chardonnay Musqué 809 clone grown in the Giguere Family's JK Vineyard certainly lives up to its name. Enticing aromas of honeysuckle blossoms, citrus flowers and orange zest waft from the glass. Vibrant juicy flavors of mangoes, bananas and oranges mingle with wildflower honey and a ginger spice finish. This Chardonnay will pair nicely with blue cheese on crostini drizzled with honey, or a salad of fresh greens, candied walnuts and chevre.

## CELLAR

The wine was cold fermented in stainless steel tanks with Eppenay II yeast. The slow seven-week fermentation preserved the intense aromas of the Musqué clone. We arrested the fermentation with a slight amount of residual sugar to give the wine a lush, juicy character.

## STORY

As a farm kid growing up in the late 1950's and early 1960's, John Giguere was a confirmed pyromaniac starting various things on fire such as his father's wheat fields. He and his brother graduated to launching rockets, which often blew up at some stage of the journey resulting in more random fires, and calls to the local fire department. They eventually grew out of this fascination with the Matchbook but still have fond memories of the power they possessed.

