



2005 Gundlach Bundschu Chardonnay

**Scoring Methodology (Uses the NVC 25-Point Wine Evaluation Scale):** {25/Perfect} ~ {24-23/Excellent} ~ {22-21/Very High Quality} ~ {20-19/Very Good} ~ {18-16/Good} ~ {15-9/Ordinary} ~ {8-6 Below Average} ~

**Wine Blogosphere 5 Star Rating System w/ the 25 point NVC System:** {Five Stars/25 - 23 pts.} ~ {Four Stars/22 - 19 pts.} ~ {3 Stars/18 - 16 pts.} ~ {2 Stars/15 - 9 pts.} ~ {Under 9 Pts/1 Star}

*Appearance (3 Pts. Total)*

**CLARITY**  
Cloudy - Clear - Brilliant

Brilliant

**COLOR**  
Hue

Yellow Gold

**COLOR**  
Depth

Light

**Total** 3



*Aroma/Bouquet (7 Pts. Total)*

**NOSE**

Pineapple, lime zest, cucumber, warm spice

**AROMA INTENSITY**

Medium

**OFF NOTES**

N/A

**Total** 5

*Taste/Texture (15 Pts. Total)*

**FIRST IMPRESSION**

Pineapple, near-ripe pear, meyer lemon and spice

**MID-PALATE**

Pineapple, spice and mouthfilling creamy roundness with caramel

**FINISH**

Crisp acidity, blonde tobacco, lime zest and lingering caramel

**TASTE INTENSITY**

Medium +

**Total** 12

**Final Score** 20

**General Notes**

This is a delicious California Chardonnay. It takes conscientious winemaking to create a rich, ripe Chardonnay that demonstrates all the fruit, with rich roundness and crisp acidity without an overt oak influence. This is a well-crafted wine with a ton of structure and enough caramel from French Oak to invite ponderous discussion on its loveliness. Very food-friendly, as well.

**Wine Blogosphere Five Star Rating**



**Wine Style (Food or Social)**

Food

**Food Pairing**

Halibut with tropical fruit salsa

**Drinkable for how long?**

2009

**Price**

\$23

**Value Assessment**

Fair

Price Performer ~ Fair ~ Overpriced

**Who Would This Wine Interest? (WWTWI)**

Enthusiast

Terroirista ~ Enthusiast ~  
~ Lifestyler ~ Adventurer/Fashionista ~  
~ Social Sipper ~ Aisle Daze ~

Taster: [Signature]

Date: 04-27-08



Enthusiast