

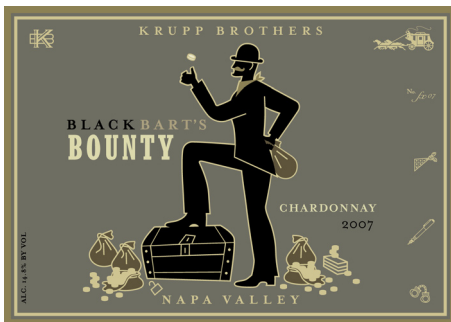
BLACKBART

2007

Black Bart's Bounty Chardonnay Napa Valley



<i>Release Date</i>	September 1, 2008
<i>Vineyard</i>	The Chardonnay is grown on a cool north-facing block at Krupp Brothers Vineyard. It is planted to 2 clones - Tablas Creek field selection as well as Clone 17.
<i>Vintage 2007</i>	The year began dry and with some very cold days and the season continued dry with about 60% of normal precipitation. Temperatures were warmer than normal early in the season, resulting earlier budding, bloom and set. The summer continued on the cool side and we entered harvest at a relaxed and even pace. The Chardonnay yield in 2007 was low (2.4 tons per acre) with the resulting fruit having very small clusters and berries, offering intense flavors.
<i>Fermentation</i>	Grapes were whole cluster pressed, after which the juice was settled for less than 24 hours before being racked to barrel. Fermentation was encouraged to start with indigenous yeast and the wine also completed spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	Chardonnay
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	1st and 2nd weeks of September 2007
<i>Bottled</i>	June 10, 2008
<i>pH/Brix</i>	3.88 / 24.2
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.8%
<i>Cooperage</i>	Ten months in 75% new French Burgundy barriques – Damy, Cadus & Francois Freres
<i>Production</i>	386 cases



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The aroma is complex with fruit characters of apples, ripe grapefruit, green pineapple and wet stone mineral notes. Some underlying fig and peach characters come through as the wine opens up with alluring French oak notes in the background. Flavors of ripe citrus and minerals mixed with nectarines, green melon rind, and blanched almonds. The wine has a fine melted butter texture and good acidity that follows through to the finish with excellent richness and intensity. Serve with olive oil poached salmon and crushed fingerling potatoes or with wood oven roasted Berkshire pork chop. Enjoy now through 2013.

KRUPP BROTHERS

Owned by Dr. Jan Krupp and his brother Bart. The estates are comprised of three mountain vineyards: Stagecoach, Krupp, and Krupp Brothers. These vineyards are the sources for their three brands: Veraison, Black Bart and the Krupp Brothers Gold Series.

