

Walter Hansel 2008s Now In Stock!

*"A terrific source of sensational Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays made very much in the style of the wines proprietor Stephen Hansel loves the most, white and red Burgundies, this 80-acre estate continues to build on a brilliant track record of high quality wines offered to consumers at sensationally fair prices...**one of my reference point visits** in the North Coast" – Robert Parker*



Walter Hansel Winery has quickly established itself as one of the super elite producers of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in California. Yet, despite their huge following and all the rave reviews, the wines remain priced well below their peers. Hansel could charge twice as much for his wines and they'd sell out just as fast, but he chooses not to.

The 2008s just arrived, and as you can see from the ratings, it was yet another outstanding vintage at *chez* Walter Hansel. Yet, despite the high scores and the fact that yields were way down in 2008, they did not raise prices from 2007. In fact, it's been seven years since the last time they raised prices. *Seven years!*

These wines go fast every year, but given the exceptionally high scores and decreased production of 2008, these should go even faster. They're here today, but may not be tomorrow...

2008 Chardonnay Russian River Valley Estate \$28.99

93 points - Robert Parker: *"More serious is the exceptionally well-endowed 2008 Chardonnay Hansel Family Vineyards. Wonderful notes of lemon butter, orange marmalade, citrus oil, hazelnut, and subtle smoke are followed by a medium to full-bodied, dense, rich wine with terrific fruit, purity, and texture. Drink it over the next 4-5 years."*

2008 Chardonnay Russian River Valley Cuvée Alyce \$35.99

94 points - Robert Parker: *"The 2008 Chardonnay Cuvée Alyce is a selection of the richest, most concentrated wines. It offers copious notes of lychee nut, honeysuckle, orange marmalade and candied citrus in a full bodied, rich style. Although it did not strike me as remarkably more concentrated or "over the top" than the North Slope or the Cahill Lane, it is a top Chardonnay that is well worth pursuing."*

2008 Chardonnay Russian River Valley North Slope \$39.99

95 points - Robert Parker: *"Similar in style, the 2008 Chardonnay The North Slope comes from a slightly cooler site. The light straw color with a greenish hue is followed by abundant notes of quince, white currants, white peaches, and such honeyed tropical fruits as pineapples and oranges. It, too, will drink well for 7-8 years."*

2008 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Cahill Lane \$35.99

90-92 points - Robert Parker: *"From the Rochioli and Dijon clones, the dark ruby-hued 2008 Pinot Noir Cahill Lane reveals a more tart character in addition to lots of smoky, roasted herb, sweet and sour cherry, pomegranate, root beer, and spice notes. While slightly more subdued than the Hansel Family cuvee, it is broad and flavorful with good acidity."*

2008 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Cuvée Alyce \$35.99

91 points - Steve Tanzer: *"Lively, finely etched, nicely concentrated red fruit flavors expand and gain sweetness with air, picking up notes of red licorice, spicecake and rose pastille. Juicy*

and alluring wine with excellent finishing lift and clarity. This is delicious now but has the energy to reward at least another few years of bottle aging."

Cheers,

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