

# SMITH-MADRONE

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Fred Koeppel, “Bigger Than Your Head” Blogger:

***“...Mountain-side Powerhouse  
...Excellent”***



## **Chardonnay 2008**

“I was amazed that this chardonnay, which exhibits so much of the grape’s purity and intensity, went through full barrel-fermentation and aged 11 months in oak, amazed because you sense the oak, in the wine’s proportion and firmness, much more than you actually smell or taste it... The wine is taut, almost demanding, with tremendous acidity and limestone-like minerality, yet its suppleness and yielding nature are frankly irresistible; it’s a mountain-side powerhouse of vital and vibrant dimension married to the utmost delicacy of detail. Not to be overlooked by devotees of expressive and individually crafted chardonnay. Production was 790 cases. 14.4 percent alcohol. Excellent.”

“Six Classic Napa Valley Chardonnays” Post, April 3, 2011

<http://biggerthanyourhead.net/2011/04/03/six-classic-napa-valley-chardonnays/>