

New Releases (Summer 2010):

Littorai “Charles Heintz” Chardonnay 2008 (#2277) \$48.00/Bottle: (6cs.):

Lime zest, Meyer lemon, kumquat, orange blossom, quince, jasmine, wax bean, nutmeg, honey and subtle lactic notes. Intense acidity, great balance and a long lingering clean finish. Although the new wood percentage is virtually the same in all the wines, this is the only one showing modest oak influence now. Finely etched.

Littorai “Theiriot” Chardonnay 2008 (#2272) \$48.00/Bottle (4cs):

Toasted almonds and hazelnuts, exotic spices, lemon verbena, hard white candies, fennel, fern leaf, flint, white peach. Concentrated and vibrant wine which will require patience to really show. It is wound tight like a spring for now. Excellent acidity and length. Refreshing.

Littorai “Sonoma Coast” Chardonnay 2008 (#2270) \$31.00 (6cs.):

“Not surprisingly, this wine shares many of the aromatic tones of the parent wines. Wonderfully aromatic and complex with notes of granny smith apples, lime, jasmine ,orange zest, pear and exotic spices as well as grilled hazelnuts. The higher pH of this wine lends it a richer palate than any of the below and pushes it more in the direction of Meursault (if we are allowed to say that) yet the acidity is not lacking. A great drink for the years ahead but rewarding sooner than the below.”

Littorai “Sonoma Coast” Pinot Noir 2007 (#2289) \$31.00/Bottle (9cs.):

“Both this and the Les Larmes Anderson Valley Pinot Noir have benefitted from the additional year of bottle aging. The Sonoma Coast combines great spice intensity in the aromatics and woody, forest floor aromas with moderate tannins and good sweetness. This wine is more linear than Les Larmes and more elegant. It will be delightful for the next few years.”

Littorai “ Les Larmes” Pinot Noir 2007 (#2287) \$31.00/Bottle (10cs.):

The Les Larmes is more fruit driven than the Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, with darker tones of blackberry and plum and a more supple mid palate. This may make it more appealing to New World palates. Having said this, the wine has plenty of tannic structure to balance the richness. The comparison between these two wines is absolutely representative of the terroir differences between the true Sonoma Coast and Anderson Valley. It is difficult for us to claim a preference!

Littorai “The Haven” Pinot Noir 2007 (#2264) \$59.75 (5cs.):

Estate Bottled Sonoma Coast vineyard. Meaty and masculine with blackfruit tones. Blood orange and raspberries in crème fraiche. Molasses. Violets. This has the finest tannins of all of the bottlings. While they are significant, they have wonderfully supple

texture. This is the most intensely concentrated wine of the vintage and has an unending finish. As usual, all the elements just need time to come together.

Littorai “Savoy” Pinot Noir 2007 (#2281) \$48.00/Bottle (4cs.):

Like Hirsch, Savoy is a pinot noir of masculine tannins, but aromas quite distinct: joyous fruits of raspberry, plums and morello cherry. Associated with what we refer to as "stream bank" aromas: fern, wet moss and mineral notes. This is wine for game dishes, hearty foods and stormy nights.