

WINE RECOMMENDATION

**Christine Andrew Vineyards****2005 Chardonnay
(Sonoma County)**

Since 1989 John and Gail Kautz have been producing wines in Murphys, California under their Ironstone Vineyards label. The winery, visitor's center, and estate vineyards are located there on part of Gail's family ranch. Along with their four children and winemaker Steve Millier they produce wines across a broad spectrum of brands including Leaping Horse Vineyards, Sonoma Creek, Dog Tail Vineyards, and this new line (May 2007 release), Christine Andrew, named after the great grandchildren from the family's fourth generation. Priced between \$12 and \$15, the line includes this Chardonnay.

Bright yellow gold and viscous, this inviting wine has aromas of butter pecan ice cream, pear tart, butterscotch, maple, vanilla, and honey. On the palate it is sweet and ripe with notes of watermelon, lemon-lime, maple, and toasty oak. The mid-palate is very juicy and full and sweet oak notes stand out on the long finish.

Reviewed July 23, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Christine Andrew Vineyards](#)

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Chardonnay

Appellation: [Sonoma County](#)

Grape: Chardonnay

Price: \$12.99

THE REVIEWER**Catherine Fallis**

Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations, seminars, and e-learning programs. The fifth woman in the world to become a Master Sommelier, grape goddess Catherine Fallis is still very much down-to-earth.