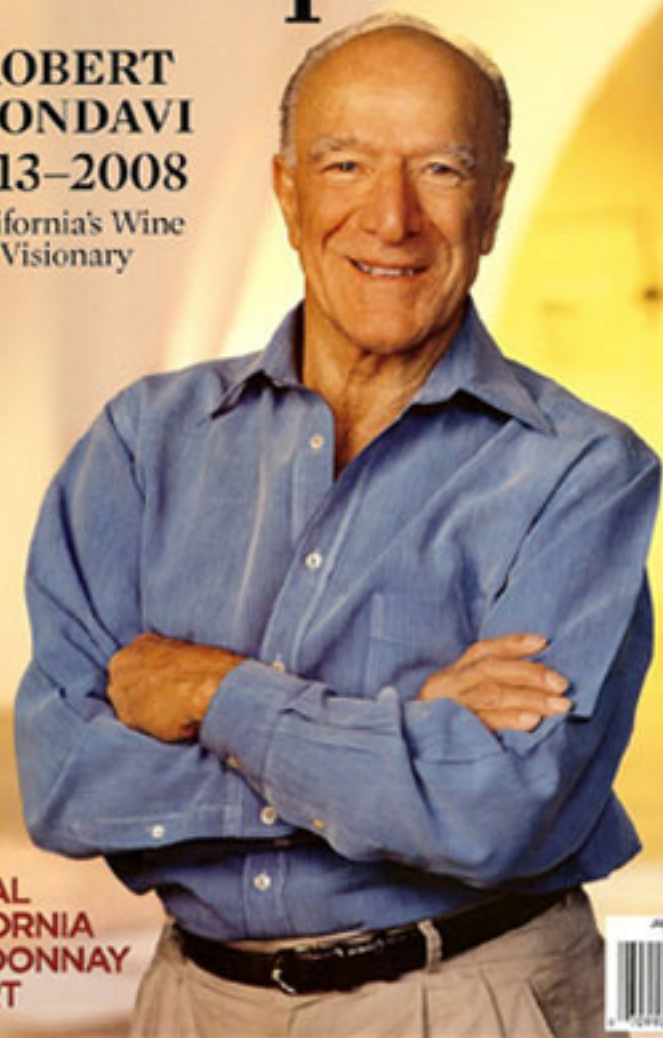


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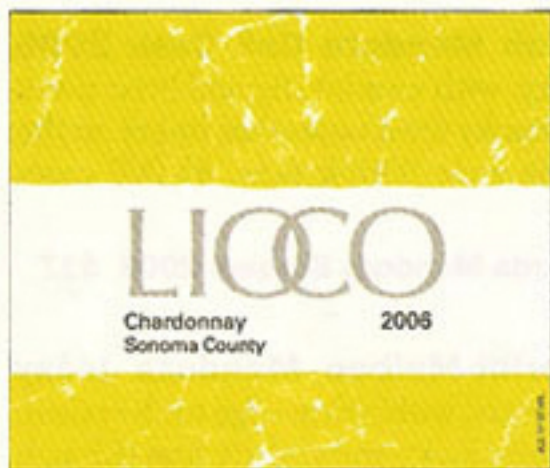
### Lioco

Matt Licklinder and Kevin O'Connor bring some industry experience to their recent undertaking, Lioco. Licklinder has an import background, and O'Connor is a wine director at Spago Beverly Hills. The two created Lioco (a combination of their last two names) in 2005 and focus on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The Chardonnays undergo natural-yeast fermentation and go through full malolactic fermentation, but receive no new oak. Lioco wines are made from purchased grapes at winemaker Kevin Kelley's Salinia winery.

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| 90 | Chardonnay Sonoma County 2006        | \$20 | 2,642 cases |
| 87 | Chardonnay Sonoma Valley Durell 2006 | \$40 | 195 cases   |

## Smart Buys

Wines that deliver fine character at affordable prices and that are broadly available.



**90** **Lioco Chardonnay Sonoma County 2006**  
**\$20** Fragrant, with fresh, floral pear, honeysuckle, fig and melon flavors that are clean and refreshing, gaining depth and nuance on the finish, with light toasty oak notes. Drink now through 2011. 2,642 cases made.—J.L.

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California Chardonnay, Washington, the Languedoc  
BY BRUCE SANDERSON

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Smart Buy Lioco Chardonnay Sonoma County 2006 (90, \$20) features fragrant floral, pear, honeysuckle, fig and melon flavors, picking up a toasty accent on the finish.