



2023 Chardonnay Russian River Valley

PHILOSOPHY

Part of the beauty of our Napa and Russian River Chardonnay is in the identical winemaking philosophy with the only variance being the source of the fruit. The freckled, golden grapes are harvested while they still retain acidity, then the wine undergoes fermentation in French oak barrels. The Russian River Valley terroir imparts a distinctive floral aromatic quality to the wine, with a subtle minerality and hint of salty Pacific Ocean air. Our Chardonnay Russian River Valley is a vibrant, more feminine expression of the varietal.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 growing season was one of the longest of the past decade. Marked by a long stretch of mild and consistent sunny weather, this extended season promoted even and ripening with a unique complexity specific to the vintage. Our team waited to begin harvesting until the end of September and picked our last fruit in the second week of November, providing prolonged hang time for the grapes to develop maximal flavors.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.7%

Body: Medium

VINIFICATION

Fermentation: Native yeast, 100% malolactic fermentation.

Maturation: Aged for 11 months in 100% French oak barrels (65% new).

TASTING NOTES

Rippling with sweet jasmine, citrus, and spice aromatics, our 2023 Russian River Chardonnay is vibrant and elevated on entry. Graceful and elegant, its complex tropical fruit notes soar across the palate and gradually descends to a deliciously succulent landing.

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