



BEST OF THE VINE

2023 Russian River Valley

CHARDONNAY

COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY



WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR VINTAGE

After encountering severe drought conditions for the last 2-3 years, Sonoma County received record breaking and persistent rainfall throughout winter and into early spring. Bud break came late with new season leaves emerging in late March. Spring stayed relatively cool, slowing shoot growth and delaying bloom well into May. The trend of running 3-4 weeks behind continued throughout the growing season and into harvest. The long and cool growing season did have an upside –providing ideal conditions for flavor development and acid retention. At harvest, the fruit displayed great flavor intensity and vibrant acidity. Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay harvest began on September 21st.

VINEYARD COMMENTS

Sourced from a few vineyards throughout the Russian River Valley. Estate vineyards include Saralee's, Kelli Ann, and Piner. Clones include 4, 17 (Robert Young), 96, & 97. Soils are predominantly free draining and low vigor.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

NOSE: Baked apple, lemon zest, and nectarine are supported by subtle hints of toasted hazelnut and oak.

PALATE: Pear, lemon bar, pineapple and vanilla custard. Vibrant and concentrated, juicy yet balanced acidity drives a lingering finish.

ALC.	PH	TA	R.S.	APPELLATION	AGING	BOTTLING DATE
14.5%	3.41	5.4 g/L	0.90 g/L	Russian River Valley	100% French Oak. 34% New. Aged for 9 months.	September 27, 2024

WINEMAKER: CRAIG MCALLISTER

