





Reserve RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY **2021 CHARDONNAY**

HAILING FROM THE ACCLAIMED RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY AVA OF SONOMA COUNTY, OUR 2021 RESERVE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY IS RICH AND EXPRESSIVE. UPON OPENING, MOUTHWATERING AROMAS OF PEACH, APPLE PIE, VANILLA, CARAMEL AND TOASTED OAK ARE PRESENT. THE PALATE IS RICH AND ROUND WITH FLAVORS OF LEMON CURD, RIPE PAPAYA, PEAR AND GINGER ROOT. A LINGERING OAK SWEETNESS IS PRESENT ON THE SMOOTH FINISH.

VINTAGE

The winter of 2020-2021 had minimal rainfall and mild temperatures leading to drought conditions throughout California's North Coast. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of normal. Summer was warm and dry, with a few short heat spikes. The warm weather resulted in beautifully ripened fruit and a fairly early harvest.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Our Chardonnay hails from the acclaimed Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma County. Known for its cool, foggy climate that sweeps in from the Pacific Ocean and its alluvial soils, this river valley is an idyllic site for growing Chardonnay. After harvest, the grapes were whole-cluster pressed and transferred to tank where it was fermented with native yeast and then racked to French oak barrels. After 5 months in barrel (30% new) with regular lees stirring, the wine was bottled.

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

Appellation: Russian River Valley Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Cooperage: Aged 5 months in French oak, 30% new

TA: 5.34 g/L | pH: 3.58 | Alc: 14.6% | Production: 135 cases