

# CHATEAU ST JEAN

## 2022 Founder's Block CHARDONNAY

CHALK HILL - RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

### VINEYARDS

This Chardonnay comes from the historic Founder's Block planted on our sister property, Chalk Hill Estate in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of Russian River Valley, Sonoma County. Planted to clone 97 Chardonnay, which was developed in partnership with UC Davis between 1996-2001, Chalk Hill is the only vineyard to grow this clone, making it a rare and highly coveted wine.

### VINTAGE

Minimal rainfall and mild temperatures contributed to drought-like conditions in Sonoma County. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of average. The summer was warm and dry with a few short heat spikes, resulting in long hang-time and beautifully ripened fruit.

### WINEMAKING

Our Founder's Block Chardonnay is hand-picked and then immediately whole-cluster pressed. After pressing, the juice is racked off the lees and barreled down to French oak (35% new) for fermentation and 16 months of aging. Regular lees stirring and 100% malolactic fermentation impart creamy texture and richness to the wine. The 2022 vintage was bottled on February 14, 2024.

### TASTING NOTES

Founder's Block is known for producing wines of exceptional character. The 2022 is a delight for the senses with enticing aromas of nectarine, baking spice, ginger, and white flower. The richness of this wine is beautifully balanced with subtle minerality and bright acidity supporting layers of stone fruit and baked apple flavors. Serve lightly chilled with smoked salmon with lemon aioli and toasted brioche, fresh peach salad with baby greens, goat cheese and pistachios, or a garden pizza with basil pesto.

2022

APPELLATION	Chalk Hill - Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
OAK	100% French oak, 35% new
AGING	16 months
ALCOHOL	14.9%
T.A.	5.45 g/L
PH	3.51