

# BANSHEE

# 2023 STOREY CREEK CHARDONNAY

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Our Storey Creek Chardonnay is grown in the heart of Russian River Valley near a little creek-hence the name-Storey Creek Vineyard. This vineyard is located between Windsor and Healdsburg out on Westside Road, with a total of a 101 planted acres—mostly Chardonnay, Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc. This lovely coastal influenced vineyard with warm daytime temperatures and nice prolonged sun exposure produces beautiful Chardonnay with ripe, bright flavors and full, rich texture.



2023 was a long vintage but overall was a good vintage. It had an extended growing season with a mild climate that made for a late harvest and required extended hang time to achieve full ripening of the fruit.

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

#### **VINEYARD**

100% Storey Creek Vineyard

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit was whole-cluster pressed then the juice was transferred to French oak barrels (35% new) for primary fermentation. Half of the barrels were inoculated with commercial yeast and half underwent native fermentation. The wine was stirred weekly throughout malolactic fermentation, then monthly, integrating lees and creating a beautiful texture in the wine. After 16 months of aging, the wine was bottled.

### **TASTING**

The 2023 Storey Creek is perfumed and expressive. On the nose, layers of honeysuckle, orange blossom, and white flower swirl amid a warm base of barrel spice and vanilla. The palate is supple and creamy, with a graceful balance of citrus and green apple. Soft, textural richness flows across the mid-palate, perfectly balanced by vibrant acidity. The wine finishes with lifted energy and persistence.

AGING 16 months in French oak, 35% new

ALCOHOL 14.5% pH 3.65 TA 5.7 g/L