



# CHALK HILL

WINNER'S CIRCLE VINEYARD

2024 CHARDONNAY

Welcome to the Winner's Circle. This second bottling of exceptional Chardonnay comes from the Winner's Circle Vineyard located in the picturesque Russian River Valley. The cool-climate coupled with Goldridge fine sandy loam soil is ideal for growing superior quality Chardonnay, and our 2024 is a stunning representation of that. We selected only the very best lots for this blend, using Winner Circle Block 5 Clone Mt. Eden 28 and 11 Clone Mt. Eden 28.

2024 growing conditions were great from the start. Abundant seasonal rains and consistent weather patterns kept the growing season on schedule. After hand-picking the fruit was optically sorted and cold-soaked for 4-days. The juice was pumped-over 2-3 times per day, then once dry, it was drained, pressed, and barreled down to French oak (33% new) for malolactic fermentation and 13 months of aging. The resulting wine offers an inviting and complex bouquet, opening with warm notes of vanilla, spice, and nutmeg layered over indulgent scents of apple pie and freshly baked bread. These savory elements are beautifully brightened by aromatic peaches and delicate honeysuckle. On the palate, the wine reveals a vibrant core of mango and guava accented by hints of cardamom, all framed by a balanced acidity that leads into a long juicy finish.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

*Average Yields:* 5.95 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 25.6°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL

BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE DURING MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION,

THEN MONTHLY

*Cooperage:* FRENCH OAK, 33% NEW

*Aging:* 13 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 100% CHARDONNAY

*Cases Bottled:* 190

*pH:* 3.48    *TA:* 5.5 G/L    *Alcohol:* 15.0%

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