

DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

INTRODUCTION

In 2015, we grafted a small, 2-acre block of Pinot Noir over to Chardonnay at Winside Vineyard, which allowed us to bottle our first vintage of Russian River Chardonnay in 2016. This section of the vineyard features loamy soils with a high sand content, providing excellent drainage, ideal for growing Chardonnay. Compared to Carneros, this site yields slightly riper fruit due to its warmer climate, while the soil preserves elevated acidity, resulting in a well-balanced and vibrant wine. Fermented and aged in French oak barrels, the wine spends 16 months on the lees without stirring, enhancing texture and depth.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Light gold in color, the 2023 Russian River Valley Chardonnay opens with expressive aromas of Meyer lemon, lime, green apple and fresh apricot, accented by a subtle hint of sea spray that adds a mineral note. The palate unfolds with layers of papaya and peach, reflecting the warmth of Russian River Valley, balanced by crisp apple and delicate notes of silver needle tea that adds complexity and contrast. While the fruit shines, the wine's structure is equally compelling, with salt and spice notes contributing to a long, intriguing finish. Drink from 2025-2033.

FRUIT

100% Old Wente

HARVEST DATE

September 23, 2023

ESTATE BOTTLED

January 24, 2025

CASES PRODUCED

289 cases

AGING

16 months in 50% new French oak



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