



Russian River Ranches

VINTAGE 2024 · SONOMA COAST · CHARDONNAY

The Russian River Ranches Chardonnay is a cuvée crafted from distinct vineyard lots in the Sonoma Coast appellation, each contributing unique characteristics to the wine. Rich and fruit-forward, it features notes of Bosc pear and Honeycrisp apple, balanced by crisp acidity and subtle barrel spice.

VINTAGE OBSERVATIONS

The 2024 growing season began with a cool winter, initially sparking concerns of a delayed harvest. However, the season unfolded beautifully, with moderate summer heat and cool nights creating ideal conditions for ripening while preserving SonomaCutrer's signature acidity. A brief heat spike in late September gave the cooler-climate vineyards the perfect boost to reach peak flavor. Each vineyard milestone was met seamlessly, resulting in an outstanding growing season. The exceptional quality of the fruit promises remarkable wine from this vintage.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

For this vintage, the blend contains fruit from our six estate vineyards & a small group of selected growers. Grapes were harvested in the early mornings and cooled down to preserve the fruit's fresh flavors and natural acidity. After hand-sorting, the grapes were whole-cluster pressed. The golden-green, free-run juice was then settled in tanks for a few days before heading to oak barrels and stainless steel for fermentation. The wine was then aged sur-lies in French oak barrels that were a mixture of new and one-year-old through neutral oak.

TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay presents fruit-forward aromas of lime zest, Meyer lemon, apple, Bosc pear, white flowers, toasted almonds, white pepper, and a light mineral note. On the palate, crisp acidity frames flavors of lemon, pineapple, and subtle oak spice, with a citrusy brightness that leads into a long, velvety finish with mineral and spice accents.

COMPOSITION: 100% CHARDONNAY

FERMENTATION: 100% MALOLACTIC, 75% OAK, 25% TANK

BARREL AGING: AGED FOR 9 MONTHS IN 20% NEW FRENCH OAK.

KEY COOPERS: REMOND, ROUSSEAU, TW BOSWELL

ALCOHOL: 14.1% · **TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.2 G/L · **PH:** 3.40

