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Russian River Valley	5.6 g/L
ALCOHOL	PH
14%	3.51

AGING
Combination of concrete and new and neutral French oak barrels for 10 months

2018

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay is predominantly harvested from the BCD Vineyard, the Norris Vineyard and the Boriolo Vineyard. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards are certified Sonoma Sustainable and contribute their unique complexities to the final blend.

The BCD Vineyard, located adjacent to the DeLoach Estate on a very gentle south facing slope, features heavy clay soils that decrease the vigor of the vines and is influenced by the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The Norris Vineyard is located in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley and is planted to two clones of Chardonnay – 809 and 17. Clone 809 provides floral and other high-tone aromatics while the Clone 17 lends richer, riper fruit flavors. The Boriolo Vineyard is located on the Olivet Bench northeast of the winery. The vineyard's sandy and clay loam soils produce fruit that is higher in acidity with more minerality and offering fresh fruit flavors. Together, these vineyards produce the backbone of our Russian River Valley Chardonnay.

2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season started off with cooler temperatures which was followed by a moderate summer with fewer heat spikes than normal. Fruit set was consistent and with the milder weather, harvest began a few weeks later compared to the last few years. This longer and near-perfect growing season has resulted in structured and concentrated wines.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A bouquet of key lime, white peach and baked apple pie greet the nose on this 2018 Chardonnay from the Russian River Valley. A flinty brightness balances the apple creaminess in this inviting wine. Nutmeg and a hint of caramel flavors lead to a crisp finish with well-balanced acidity.

