



## *Chardonnay*

**HEINTZ VINEYARD**  
GREEN VALLEY OF  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
VINTAGE 2020

### **IN THE VINEYARD**

Heintz Vineyard, farmed by Charlie Heintz, sits atop a ridge at 900 feet in elevation in the Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley. Its gently sloping sides are rich in Goldridge sandy loam with two to three feet of topsoil followed by layers of clay. Optimal growing conditions and careful vineyard management result in a luscious, mouthwatering, full-bodied Chardonnay with lots of depth.

The Heintz family has been farming Heintz Ranch for over a century. Charlie, along with his eight siblings, spent many hours working on the ranch as they grew up, and in 1984, Charlie took over the reins. Charlie's dedication and continual improvements to vineyard management have led to the finest quality Chardonnay grapes. The southwestern facing vines are located in the banana belt of the Green Valley, and tend to ripen earlier than much of the valley.

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER**

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, the grapes were hand picked on September 17 and were whole-cluster basket pressed to preserve the rich, natural flavors. Barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Emanating from the glass, the 2020 Chardonnay exudes vibrant notes of mango intertwined with fresh pineapple, orange marmalade, and brioche. Its silky and smooth mouthfeel accentuates the presence of peach and caramel, delivering a luscious interplay of sumptuous citrus flavors. The finale is a juicy abundance that delights the palate with a satisfying finish.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

**APPELLATION:**  
Green Valley of the Russian  
River Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**PH:** 3.47

**TA:** 5.3 g/L

**AGING:** 100% French oak,  
40% new

**MONTHS IN BARREL:** 30

