



## Chardonnay

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**Grape Variety:** 100% Chardonnay

**Region:** Russian River Valley

**Winemaking Notes:**

Whole cluster barrel fermented

Aged in 100% French oak, sur-lie with monthly battonage

- 25% new oak

- aged for 17 months

**Tasting Notes:** The cool climate vineyards in the Russian River Valley produce grapes with high acidity and brightness that delight the palate. A beautiful bouquet of delicate floral aromas, baked pear and citrus zest spring from the glass. Flavors of honeysuckle and lemon meringue are complimented by the smooth palate with touches of vanilla oak from the malolactic fermentation. Hints of minerality and lifting acidity lead to a clean, lush, and balanced finish.

**What The Number 49 Signifies:** Inspired by the growth and change in California in 1849, Jean-Charles wanted to craft a Chardonnay as momentous as the discovery of the first nuggets of gold. At the same time, California was emerging anew, and with the writing of the first state constitution...the state of California was born!

Jean Charles crafted the No 49 in **TRIBUTE** to the year 1849. The year when California's first state constitution was crafted and signed in Monterey, and also a time of great **ENTERPRISING** due to the gold rush. Today we know that the true gold of California is this **GOLDEN** elixir – Chardonnay!