



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Alcohol
14.5% by volume

pH
3.39

Titratable Acidity
5.6 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%, 35% new oak

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
16

2016 O.F.S. CHARDONNAY

In the Vineyard

The 2016 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. Harvest extended over six weeks, from the middle of August through the end of September, with the warmer Ritchie and Estate vineyards being picked first. The remaining cooler vineyards harvested to make up this elegant, rich Chardonnay were Hawk Hill, Heintz, Boriolo, Norris, Windmill, and Piziali. The long growing season, in combination with moderate weather at harvest, contributed to the complexity and depth of the grape flavors.

Conversations with the Winemaker

The hand-harvested grapes were whole-cluster pressed to stainless steel tanks for overnight settling. The juice was then racked to barrels for fermentation by native yeasts and malolactic conversion proceeded naturally during aging, while the lees-stirring contributed to enhanced mouthfeel. After being aged for 16 months in French oak, 35% new oak, barrels were hand-selected to assemble the final blend before being bottled unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

This beautiful Chardonnay opens with bright aromas of apple and mandarin blossoms with a touch of lemon curd and caramel. Creamy flavors of baked green apple, vanilla and almond paste are accented with notes of cinnamon and a touch of oak. Medium bodied, this wine has a long finish that spreads across the palate.

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker