



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Chardonnay

HAWK HILL VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINTAGE 2017

IN THE VINEYARD

The Hawk Hill Vineyard is situated in the far southwest corner of the Russian River Valley at an old stage coach stop. The vineyard hangs onto a steep south-facing hillside, bathed by regular fog cycles and coastal wind. Grapevines struggle to ripen their fruit at such a cool site, but meticulous viticulture practices and patience are rewarded with an opulent range of flavors and impressive complexity from the long hang time. Minerality and acidity are preserved in this climate, deftly complementing the richness captured from our winemaking.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

We select clone 5 grapes from Hawk Hill that are hand-picked, sorted, whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine is aged in French oak barrels, 20% new, for 11 months and undergoes 100% Malolactic fermentation before being bottled unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Enticing aromas of ginger snap, lemon bar and vanilla spring from the glass. The creamy mouthfeel has tantalizing flavors of honeysuckle, citrus notes and spice with a hint of almond paste. Moderate acidity and well-balanced, this Chardonnay has a bright and lingering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
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ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.36

TA: 6.2 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak,
20% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 11

