



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



2013 O.F.S. CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2013 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. Harvest extended over eight weeks, from the last week of August through October, 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. Barrels were hand-selected to assemble the final blend in December before being bottled unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Straw yellow in color with a clear bright, appearance, our latest OFS Chardonnay is a balanced, complex wine that reflects the best characteristics of each of the vineyards that contribute to the final blend. Fresh aromas of Granny Smith apple, honey suckle, and makrut lime are accompanied by hints of graham cracker and pie crust. On the palate are luscious flavors of D'Anjou pear and clove with a hint of nutmeg and black cardamom. A long, bright finish makes this wine a perfect pairing for a variety of dishes including butternut squash ravioli and veal chops.

Appellation
Russian River Valley

Alcohol
14.5% by volume

pH
3.45

Titrateable Acidity
5.68 g/L

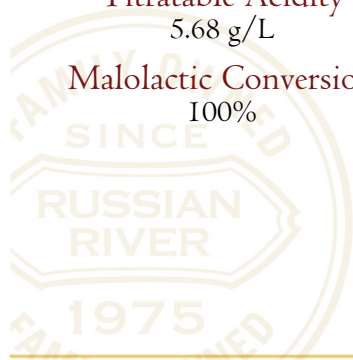
Malolactic Conversion
100%

Aged in Oak
100%
~33% New Oak~

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
14

Production
1016 Cases



Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker