



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Alcohol
14.5% by volume

pH
3.30

Titrateable Acidity
5.90 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%
25% New Oak

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
14

2015 O.F.S. CHARDONNAY

In the Vineyard

The 2015 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. Harvest extended over four weeks, from the middle of August through early 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 14 months in French oak barrels, 25% new oak, barrels were hand-selected to assemble the final blend before being bottled unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

A lovely golden color in the glass, is a balanced, complex wine that reflects the best characteristics of each of the vineyards that contribute to the final blend. Aromatic notes of lemon meringue and spiced apples are complemented with notes of caramel. Creamy flavors of green apple, ripe pear and almond paste are accented with notes of cinnamon and a touch of oak. Medium bodied and spreading, this wine has a long finish that pairs well with spiced lamb chops or ratatouille.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker