

2024 DUMOL WESTER REACH CHARDONNAY

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Impressions

Our “Wester Reach” Chardonnay is a multi-layered interpretation of this classic region where we live and farm vines. It includes some of the finest sites in the appellation—vineyards that we have either planted, farmed or harvested for over twenty-five years. Comprising three of our region’s unique sub-districts, the wine blends fruit from the valley itself with vineyards further west, stretching out to the coolest ‘reaches’ of the appellation’s high elevation coastal ridges. Each district contributes something unique, be it valley-floor richness, ridge top acidity or coastal vibrancy.

The 2024 season saw a wet winter, a mild spring, and a warm July. Fortunately, harvest temperatures were gentle and mild, allowing steady progression to perfect maturity. Irrigation was not required. Harvest took place over a stress-free four-week period. Berry size was moderate, so the wines have obvious concentration with an intense fruit core and fresh balancing acidity.

Aromas and flavors akin to lemon and nectarine, thyme and mint, flint and anise. Medium-bodied with generous texture then a long mouthwatering finish. Drink between 2026 and 2030.

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POINTS

“Lemon confit, marzipan and light tropical inflections all grace this soft, inviting Chardonnay. About a third of the fruit is from Heintz, which tends to show those characteristics. Brisk saline notes round out the finish.”
—Antonio Galloni / *Vinous*

Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	40% PETERS SUNDANCE RANCH, 32% HEINTZ RANCH, 20% FLORA MARIE & 8% LORENZO.
CLONE	OLD WENTE, MONTRACHET, & CLONE 4
YEAR PLANTED	BETWEEN 1974 & 2014.
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 20, SEPTEMBER 3-16
BARREL AGING	FERMENTED BY NATIVE YEASTS THEN AGED IN 228L FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 20% NEW FOR 11 MONTHS. BLENDED AND FINISHED IN TANK FOR 4 MONTHS.
PRODUCTION	3,200 CASES OF 750MLS