

Ernest Vineyards

# Green Valley Ranch Chardonnay 2015

*Sonoma Coast*

*The Farmer*

**THE VINEYARD:** Warren Dutton planted this Chardonnay vineyard in 1969 on an east-facing hillside west of the town of Graton. The clone he planted is known as the Rued Z Clone, and it produces exotic, highly identifiable fruit. Old vines produce clusters with tiny golden translucent berries. The grapes themselves have incredibly enticing flavors, floral aromatics, and tropical freshness.

**LABEL STORY:** Todd's maternal grandparents left Orange County, California, and relocated to an 80-acre farm in the Central Valley. The change necessitated adjustments, but The Farmer, Grandpa Ray, kept at it, learning as he went and helping to raise adventuresome children and grandchildren.

**TASTING NOTES:** The Farmer showcases the unique character of the Chardonnay Rued Z clone, including a nose of citrus, white flowers and celery salt. The palate is a bit more refined, with a subtle appearance of oak. Focused acidity and a brightness of fruit make this wine one-of-a-kind.

**AGING:** 27% NEW FRENCH OAK, 10 MONTHS

**CASES PRODUCED:** 268

**ALC. BY VOL:** 13.0

