

Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS

Appellation Russian River Valley

Sites 36% from four different Dutton ranches (Perry, Mengle, Sebastopol & Mill Station); 16% from

Martinelli's Laughlin Road Vineyard; 13% from King Vineyard; 13% from four Rochioli vineyards (Allen, Mid-40, River, Hill); 10% from Forchini Vineyard; 5% from Westside Farms;

4% Frostwatch; and 3% from Hudson Vineyard.

Soil & Clonal Selection These are cool sites, with low vigor soil like Goldridge Loam and planted between 1969 to

2006. Some vineyards are planted to a larger-clustered clone—typically, UC Davis clone 4—

or they might be a younger planting of a Wente or Dijon selection.

VINTAGE

Growing Season 2013 summed up to be a perfect vintage with clear sunny days and cool evenings. This

produced a long, moderate growing season with extended hang time and even ripening,

resulting in silky tannins and a full range flavors while retaining natural acidity.

Brix | **Harvest Dates** 23.2° average | September 3 to October 5

WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon 100% Chardonnay

Fermentation We press the whole clusters for delicacy. Native-yeast and full native malolactic fermentation

take place in barrel, with sur lies bâtonnage.

Aging After aging 12 months in 14% new French and Hungarian oak barrels (François Frères and

Demptos), this Chardonnay is fined and stabilized in tank during the following harvest. It was

then bottled without filtration in February, 2015.

Cases | Release Date 13,980 | September 2015

Alcohol 14.5%

"Coming from special vineyard sites, our Chardonnays show great depth of flavor, length of finish, aromatic complexity, and a fine balance between richness and delicacy. Typically, the climate is cool and the soil vigor low, producing graceful yet vibrant wines."

-David Ramey