



Girard

2017 CHARDONNAY
DUTTON RANCH, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season was a bit of a roller-coaster with heavy winter rains leading to vigorous vine growth in spring. Bloom came early, in parallel with an eclectic range of springtime temperatures. Moderate early summer temperatures gave way to several heat waves throughout the summer and into fall, accelerating the rate of ripening. Thanks to the nightly fog which rolls in from the Pacific, and the respective cooling influence, these grapes retain vibrant acidity while developing robust character—the hallmarks of classic Russian River Valley Chardonnay.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from the Dutton Ranch vineyards in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma. These vineyards have garnered international acclaim for producing world-class Chardonnay with exciting varietal character.

While Girard is primarily known for crafting Napa Valley wines, we decided long ago to source Chardonnay from the best parts of the Russian River Valley; its climate and soils impart distinctive acidity, minerality, and balance which further elevate the noble grape.

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant gold in color, this bold Chardonnay strikes a lovely balance between ripe peach aromas and toasty oak on the nose. The palate is endowed with zesty citrus, crisp apple, vanilla, and baking spice flavors. The finish is substantial with mineral, oak and spice notes.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION Russian River Valley, Sonoma County | OAK AGING 12 months *sur lies* in French oak, 65% new

ALCOHOL 14.4% | PH 3.39 | TA 6.6 g/100ml | RS 1.1 g/L | PRODUCTION 286 cases