



Girard

2018 CHARDONNAY DUTTON RANCH, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal with even ripening and a long, evenly paced harvest. Yields were slightly below average and grape quality was quite high. Due to the region's geography and typically cooler climate—thanks to the nightly blanketing fog layer—grapes tend to ripen slower, and develop a vibrant acid structure characteristic of the Russian River Valley. The quality of fruit was once again impressive.

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

This wine is brilliant in the glass with golden highlights. Lively aromas of fresh-picked nectarines and baking spice swirl together, while zesty Meyer lemon and Gala apple flavors flood the palate. The finish is creamy and mouthwatering marked by hints of nuttiness and minerality.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

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

ALCOHOL 14.1% | PH 3.38 | TA 5.5 g/L | RS 1.8 g/L | PRODUCTION 374 cases