



Girard

2021 CHARDONNAY DUTTON RANCH, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season started with a wet January and February, then nearly no rain for the remainder of the season. The dry weather resulted in early spring budbreak, followed by early flowering, bloom and fruit set. Calm spring and summer temperatures with no concerning heat spikes allowed for even veraison in July. Due in part to continued drought conditions the yields were naturally lower resulting in optimal ripening of intensely concentrated and very flavorful berries.

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 some 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

Delicate gold with brilliant highlights in the glass. Refreshing aromas of just-picked stone fruit, and yellow apple perfume the nose. Cinnamon, Meyer lemon and Gala apple flavors flood the medium-bodied palate. The finish is both creamy and mouthwatering, marked by hints of nuttiness and minerality.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay | GROWING REGION Dutton Ranch Vineyards in the Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma County

OAK AGING 12 months *sur lie* in French oak, 65% new

ALCOHOL 14.4% | PH 3.47 | TA 5.6 g/L | RS .2 g/L | PRODUCTION 210 cases