

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Olivet Lane Vineyard was planted in 1975 to Wente selection on AXR rootstock. The vineyard sits on 65 acres of sloping benchland in the Santa Rosa Plain, in between the warmer Westside Road region and the cooler Green Valley, where warm summer days are moderated by cool breezes and chilly evening temperatures. The combination of low temperatures, regular fog intrusion, and well-drained loam, clay soils create an excellent environment for growing Chardonnay that develop cool-climate characteristics and impeccable acid at low sugars. The wines from this vineyard simultaneously express power and finesse, and they do so with tremendous balance. 2023 was a very long, cool growing season, resulting in our latest start and finish to harvest on record. The extended hang time at lower temperatures provided gorgeous fruit with stunning flavors, structure, and complexity for another vintage of beautiful wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were hand-harvested, then carefully sorted and whole-cluster pressed using a gentle press program. After pressing, the juice was allowed to cold-settle overnight before inoculating with Montrachet yeast, then transferring to 33% new oak and 36% of the volume to three-year-old neutral 500-L French Oak Puncheons for fermentation and aging, where it remained on its primary lees until it was time to bottle. The wines were racked off the primary lees only once, just before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Fresh apricot, tangerine and lemon zest come together in a layered, expressive aromatic profile, accented by notes of unripe peach, honeysuckle, and a hint of pie crust. On the palate, creamy textures and citrus-driven flavors unfold with a sense of ease and lift. Beautifully balanced, it's a wine that doesn't tip too far in any direction, and that's exactly the point.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 33% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.6%

PH / T.A.
3.18 / 6.70 gm/L

PRODUCTION
473 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2023

RETAIL PRICE
\$55.00



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