

# GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

## 2023 Russian River Valley Chardonnay Russian River Valley

### VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay is a vibrant expression of the region's hallmark elegance, purity, and finesse. Blended from several vineyard sources, this wine showcases the diversity and depth of the Russian River Valley. This vintage brings together fruit from iconic sites, including Rochioli and Allen vineyards, which lend depth, structure, and concentration. Olivet Lane Vineyard contributes brightness and lively acidity, thanks to its prized Wente clone. The result is a layered and complex Chardonnay with notes of citrus, stone fruit, and subtle spice.

The 2023 growing season was the longest and coolest we've experienced, with harvest beginning and ending later than ever before. The extended hang time at lower temperatures allowed the fruit to develop incredible flavor, nuance, and natural acidity. Hallmarks of another exceptional vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were harvested in the cool morning hours at ~21-22.8° Brix. A quick pass was made through our rows a few days prior to harvest to drop fruit that didn't express the optimal flavor and concentration. As anticipated, the grapes that were delivered to the winery were packed with delicious, vibrant, varietally expressive characteristics. After hand-sorting, we combined all the fruit in the press and used a gentle program to extract only the most desirable solids and phenolics. The resulting juice was left in tank to cold-settle overnight before transferring to 30% new and 70% one to three-year-old neutral French oak barrels and puncheons for fermentation and aging, where it remained for 10 months on its primary lees until it was time to bottle in June. The wines were racked off the primary lees only once, just before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Always an aromatic treat, the 2023 Russian River Chardonnay entices with fresh baked apples, golden pears, a dash of warm spices, and a generous squeeze of crisp lemon. The medium bodied palate is layered with orchard fruits, crushed ginger, citrus zest, and a hint of brioche. The tangy acidity is crisp and bright, while the slight creaminess from lees aging rounds out the edges into a satisfying, persistent finish.



**APELLATION**  
Russian River Valley

**COMPOSITION**  
100% Chardonnay

**FERMENTATION & AGING**  
10 months, 30% new  
French oak

**ALCOHOL**  
13.6%

**PH / T.A.**  
3.30 / 6.40 gm/L

**PRODUCTION**  
5736 cases

**BOTTLING DATE**  
July 2024

**RETAIL PRICE**  
\$45.00



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