

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Rochioli-Allen Vineyards Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

The grapes for this outstanding Chardonnay come from two different blocks within the Allen Vineyard, planted just to the south of the Rochioli Vineyard. The diverse soil types and unique microclimates of this site provide ideal conditions for Chardonnay. Each clone and field selection were chosen to take advantage of specific soil type, elevation, and exposure to the sun, generating wines that are vibrant and powerful, yet delicate and balanced. 2022 can best be described as “early”. It began with a cold, dry winter that led to early bud break. Serious frost in April and an unexpected hailstorm in May caused damage to new growth and flowers, impacting yields. Hot Summer temperatures led to an early onset of harvest, with harvest ending on September 9th, the earliest in our winery history. Despite the rapid pace, flavors and tannin were concentrated and acidity was vibrant, creating wines that rival those of the beautiful 2021 vintage.

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 35% new and 65% one to three-year-old neutral 500-L French Oak Puncheons for fermentation and aging. After 10 months of aging, each barrel was carefully evaluated, and the most elegantly structured wines were selected for this beautiful single vineyard wine.

TASTING NOTES

The Rochioli-Allen Chardonnay is always pleasing, and almost playful with its abundance of ripe, juicy pear, and apple fruit tied together with a pinch of baking spice and fresh lemons. The fleshy, mouth-coating texture creates happy satisfaction sip after sip, while generous acidity adds vibrancy and life to the palate and into the sating finish.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 35% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.9%

PH / T.A.
3.23 / 7.20 gm/L

PRODUCTION
119 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2023

RELEASE DATE
Summer 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$75.00



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