

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Rochioli Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Rochioli Vineyard was originally purchased in 1938 by Joe Rochioli, Sr. The vision of growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay along these fertile, gravelly soils was carried out by Joe Jr. after his father's passing in 1966. Most of the Chardonnay blocks are located at the far eastern edge of the estate, just off the meandering Russian River, where the vines literally soak up the remarkable terroir of the estate. The majority of this blend comes from the River Block, planted in 1989. The balance comes from the Mid-40s Block, a field selection planted in 1993, and Allen Block 1, planted in 1995. The partnership between Gary Farrell Winery and the Rochioli Vineyard began more than 40 years ago with a simple handshake and has become a fundamental part of our story here in the Russian River Valley. 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 perennial complexity of this iconic vineyard is on full display in the 2022 vintage. The eye-catching pale straw color draws you to the wine before succulent aromas of honeysuckles tenderly layered with ripe pears and sliced almonds entice you to delve in for more. The beautiful richness on the palate is deftly balanced by abundantly crisp acidity for a sensuously tactile experience. Still youthful, the 2022 showcases some stone fruit flavor up front while teasing the astounding depth this exceptionally age-worthy Chardonnay will reveal over time.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 35% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.8%

PH / T.A.
3.32 / 7.00 gm/L

PRODUCTION
401 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2023

RELEASE DATE
September 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$75.00



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