

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Bacigalupi Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

In 1956, Helen and Charles Bacigalupi purchased 121 acres of prime vineyard land along Westside Road, in the heart of the Russian River Valley. In 1964, they were among the first in the area to plant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The Bacigalupi family grapes garnered fame in 1976 when they were used to make Chateau Montelena's winning entry in that year's Paris Tasting. The oldest vines that remain on the property were planted in 1967 on St. George rootstock and are a mix of head trained and cordon-trained vines. This historic block is one of the main components of our Bacigalupi Chardonnay.

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 35% new French Oak barrels and 65% a mix of one to three-year-old neutral French Oak barrels and 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

Opening with aromas of baking spice, and vanilla layered over ripe green pear, Granny Smith apple, and fresh pineapple, showcasing a rich and expressive character. Toasty notes and hints of beeswax add warmth and depth on the nose. On the palate, a generous, well-rounded texture carries flavors of lemon curd, golden apple, and honey-buttered brioche, balanced by medium acidity and a gentle creaminess. Soft, polished, and harmonious, it finishes with a lingering sense of richness and ease.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 35% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.8%

PH / T.A.
3.35 / 6.40 gm/L

PRODUCTION
270 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$70.00



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