

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Martaella Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Martaella Vineyard is located in the heart of Russian River Valley in an area known as Laguna de Santa Rosa. The 58-acre property was initially planted in 2005 before being expanded in 2008, and currently has 42 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The climate is heavily influenced by the intrusion of fog from the Pacific Ocean, which cools the region down by as much as 40 degrees. The vineyard was planted with a very high vine density, similar to the way vines are planted in Burgundy, France. High density planting yields smaller berries, smaller clusters and better overall concentration and balance. The vineyard is host to nine different Pinot Noir clones and heirloom selections, providing an exceptional opportunity for vineyard diversity. 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 in the cool morning hours to preserve fruit integrity, then carefully sorted and whole-cluster pressed using a gentle, modified Champagne press program. After pressing, the juice was chilled to 45°F in tank and allowed to cold-settle overnight before being inoculated with Montrachet yeast the following morning. The juice was then transferred to French oak (35% new) for fermentation and aging—45% in 500-L puncheons (long light toast, Dargaud Jaegle and DAMY) and 55% in 225-L barrels. The wine remained on its primary lees for 10 months, undisturbed, until bottling in July. It was racked off lees only once, just prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This vibrant Chardonnay opens with bright stone fruit, melon and delicate floral aromas, complemented by a subtle nuttiness reminiscent of pumpkin seed. On the palate, soft acidity and a medium body create a round, inviting mouthfeel, finishing with elegant balance and a smooth texture that reflects the vintage's long growing season.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 35% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.5%

PH / T.A.
3.42 / 5.90 gm/L

PRODUCTION
355 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$65.00



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