

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Schneider Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Schneider Vineyard is nestled just three miles west of the town of Sebastopol, where the vineyard stretches north from Bodega Highway along a slender, south-facing ridge that runs perpendicular to the road. Just ten miles inland from the Pacific, the site is deeply influenced by its maritime proximity, where warm, sunny days are tempered by cool ocean breezes and coastal fog, providing a long growing season that creates the perfect balance of complex flavors and ripeness while maintaining bright natural acidity. The vines are rooted in classic Goldridge soil—a pale, sandy loam of almost moon-dust consistency that defines much of this part of the Russian River Valley. Its fine, rounded particles create deep, well-drained profiles that provide ideal conditions for vine health and root development. 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 (33% new) for fermentation and aging. 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

Our first vintage of Schneider Vineyard Chardonnay greets with subtly juicy aromas of green melon, citrus, and peach at the core. The palate is soft and light, framed by zippy acidity and bright notes of lemon curd and lime pith. Clean, grassy nuances with a touch of vibrant pomelo on this medium-plus bodied wine lead to a lingering finish, offering a fresh and focused expression of this vineyard.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 33% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.6%

PH / T.A.
3.23 / 7.50 gm/L

PRODUCTION
581 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$65.00



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