

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Westside Farms Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Planted in 1989, just four miles up Westside Road from our winery, the 40-acre Westside Farms vineyard sits along the banks of the winding Russian River where the deep, river-deposited sandy loam soils, and the cool evenings prolong the ripening process, yielding consistently elegant, intense fruit. 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 30% new oak and 38% of the lot into one to three-year-old neutral 500-L French Oak Puncheons for fermentation and aging, where it remained on its primary lees until it was time to bottle. The wines were racked off the primary lees only once, just before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Westside Farms Chardonnay presents a more restrained, graceful expression of this traditionally robust site, opening with a fruit-driven nose of Bartlett pear, stone fruits, and a lift of fresh citrus. On the palate, creamy textures and gentle apricot, and lemon unfold with energetic freshness. The wine you reach for when you want something thoughtful but unfussy, whether journaling, organizing photos, or simply unwinding. Medium-bodied with a long and quietly persistent finish, its mineral backbone carries the flavors effortlessly through to the next sip.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 30% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.36 / 6.70 gm/L

PRODUCTION
326 cases

BOTTLING DATE
May 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$65.00



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