

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2019 Rochioli Vineyard Chardonnay Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Rochioli Vineyard was originally purchased in 1938 by Joe Rochioli, Sr. whose vision of growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay along these fertile, gravelly soils was carried out by Joe Jr. after his father's passing 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 partnership between Gary Farrell Winery and the Rochioli Vineyard began more than 30 years ago with a simple handshake, and has become a fundamental part of our story here in the Russian River Valley. After record-breaking rainfall in late February, a relatively cool spring followed. The month of May brought more heavy rains but summer temperatures were perfect and mild and growers began to see that a big crop was forming. Despite the quantity of clusters per vine, thanks to judicious crop-thinning and canopy management, the flavor, concentration, and tannin levels were quite excellent for another exquisite vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were harvested in the cool morning hours at ~22° Brix. A quick pass was made through our rows a few days prior to harvest in order to drop fruit that didn't express the optimal flavor and concentration. As anticipated, the grapes that were delivered to the winery were packed with delicious, vibrant, varietally expressive characteristics. After a very careful hand-sorting, we combined all the fruit in the press, and used a gentle program to extract only the most desirable solids and phenolics. The resulting juice was left in tank to cold-settle overnight before transferring to 35% new and 65% one to three-year-old neutral French Oak Barrels and 500-litre French Oak Puncheons for fermentation and aging, where it remained for 9 months on its primary lees until it was time to bottle in June. The wines were racked off the primary lees only once, just before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Lush and inviting, this offering from the Rochioli vineyard presents a wealth of stone fruits, crème brûlée, and vanilla paste that is set along a backdrop of climbing flowers. Fresh lemon zest provides a brilliant counterpoint, inviting further exploration. The palate is precise and balanced, with tangy citrus flavors that integrate seamlessly throughout the mid-palate, contributing to an exceptionally long, mouthwatering finish.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
9 months, 35% new French oak

ALCOHOL
13.8%

PH / T.A.
3.15 / 6.6 gm/L

PRODUCTION
449 cases

BOTTLING DATE
June 2020



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