

# GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

## 2022 ROCHIOLI VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### Vineyards

About five miles from our winery up the gently winding Westside Road, the 162-acre Rochioli Vineyard was originally purchased in 1938 by Joe Rochioli, Sr. The vision of growing highest quality wine grapes along these fertile, gravelly soils was carried out by Joe Jr. after his father's passing in 1966. We began working with Sauvignon Blanc from the famed Rochioli Vineyard in 2019. This iconic family-owned winery has produced amazing quality old vine Sauvignon Blanc for many years so we are honored to continue working with the fruit. This particular section of the vineyard was planted in 2001 to the rare ENTAV clone 376, known to produce moderate yields with tremendous varietal character, aromatic intensity, body and excellent acidity. This clone was selected by Joe Rochioli, Jr. as a beautiful counterpoint to the original old vines on the estate that were planted 1959.

### Vintage

The 2022 growing season began with a cold, dry winter that continued through February, though the chilly, sunny days led to early budbreak, followed by a few inches of rainfall in March-April. Late March brought warm, sunny days that continued through May, leading to early bloom and rapid shoot growth. April brought serious frost that resulted in damage to the vulnerable new growth. This was followed by an unexpected hail storm on May 9th that caused more damage, and further impacted yields. Warm Summer temperatures led to an early onset of harvest on August 12th. A heat wave that month pushed maturity so 74% of our grapes were already in when the severe heat wave arrived around September 6th. Temperatures peaked well above average, which would have caused excessive dehydration if we hadn't swiftly harvested the remaining grapes. Harvest ended September 9th, which was the earliest in our winery history. Despite the rapid pace, flavors and tannin were concentrated and acidity was vibrant, creating wines that rival those of the beautiful 2021 vintage.

### Winemaking

This tiny 3-ton section of vines was picked at ~23° Brix, then the grapes were hand sorted and whole cluster pressed using a gentle pressing program that gently extracts solids to enhance body and intensity during fermentation. The juice was mostly tank fermented at a very cool temperature in order to capture freshness, varietal character and aromatic intensity, but a small amount was partially fermented in neutral oak barrels in order to build richness and texture. When the barrels neared end of fermentation, the must was again combined with the must in the stainless-steel tank where it was left on primary lees until it was time to prepare the wine for bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Bright, zesty aromas of honeysuckle, fresh lime, wet concrete and Bergamot jump out of the glass, causing a mouthwatering effect. The mineral-driven palate offers flavors of freshly zested Meyer lemon, Fiji apple, white peach and passionfruit, and just a hint of flintiness adds another layer of complexity. The bright acidity is beautifully balanced by the opulent, silky texture that carries through to a long, tangy, seamless finish.

### Appellation

Russian River Valley

### Vineyards

Rochioli Vineyard

### Composition

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### Fermentation & Aging

80% stainless steel fermented;  
20% fermented in neutral French  
oak barrels, then combined.

Combined blend aged 4 months  
in stainless steel.

### Alcohol

13.1%

### pH / T.A.

3.32 / 6.8 gm/L

### Production

154 Cases

### Bottling Date

February 6, 2023

### Release Date

May 2023

### Retail Price

\$40