

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 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. 2022 can best be described as “early”. It began with a cold, dry winter that led to early bud break. Serious frost in April and an unexpected hailstorm in May caused damage to new growth and flowers, impacting yields. Hot Summer temperatures led to an early onset of harvest, with harvest ending on September 9th, 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 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 35% new and 65% 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

Usually a robust expression of Chardonnay, the 2022 Westside Farms reveals its charm more subtly, with aromatic wisps of peach and apple intertwined with chamomile and baking spice. The rounded mouthfeel and nice weight of the palate are more typical of this vineyard, carrying lush Honeycrisp apple, apricot fruit and a little lemon curd flowing into the bright freshness of the acidity on the finish, and the easy-to-sip-on character we always love about this wine.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 35% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.32 / 6.90 gm/L

PRODUCTION
127 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2023

RELEASE DATE
September 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$65.00



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