

PARADISE RIDGE

2018 Chardonnay
Russian River Valley



Finished Wine

100% Chardonnay

Appellation

Russian River Valley

Alcohol

13.5

Titrateable Acidity

6.9 grams/liter

pH

3.38

Residual Sugar

0

Suggested Retail

\$30

Vineyard Notes

This Russian River Chardonnay come from the 'Peters Vineyard' and is perhaps one of the Russian River Valleys more notable vineyards because of its location in the most South Western corner of the Appellation in an area known as the Sebastopol Hills Neighborhood. It's much cooler here than further North, with the chill of the morning fog lingering much longer and creating a much more extreme climate. This cold creates a higher natural acidity and a purer fruit profile. The 20 years old vines root system travel deep in search of moisture, where they also find an array of trace elements that mysteriously create unique favors in the wine.

Winemaker Notes

For us it's all about creating depth and complexity in a clean, fresh and vibrant style that we feel expresses a time and a place. Hand harvested in the cool hours of dawn the fruit is immediately Whole Cluster pressed to tank. After settling the juice is moved to used 400L and 500 L French Oak puncheons where a cool slower fermentation occurs using a myriad of both selected and native yeasts. A small amount of the wine goes through Malo Lactic fermentation.

Chardonnay can be influenced in many directions - our style is to harvest at the earlier stages of ripeness, taking the mantra that less is more, and creating a wine that we feel truly showcases both the site and vintage.

Tasting Notes

White blossoms, crisp apples with a saline minerality are the signature of this vineyard, but we also find stone fruits and some tropical notes that all come together in this wine with a subtle baking spice and a roasted hazelnut character that greet you in the glass. Fresh and clean on the palate with lemons finding their way into the fold, this wine expands across the tongue where a persistent spice, more of that delicious apple, along with some citrus tones hold your attention on the finish.



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