



## 2020 Chardonnay

### VINEYARD NOTES

The rolling hills and gentle slopes near the town of Sebastopol were once home to apple orchards filled with songbirds; hence the vineyard name 'Singing Tree'. By the early 1990's though, most of the orchards were replanted with grapes. Quality Chardonnay is made by matching varietal and rootstock to the right vineyard site to yield the most flavorful grapes. These grapes grow only under certain optimum soil conditions: nutrient balance, certain clay soils, fine-grained marine quartz sandstone...all of which are found at the Wilson Grove Formation, where Singing Tree is located.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Rainfall for 2020 was perhaps two thirds of the average range. Rains in March and April made a huge impact for helping the vines get through the summer hot days and cool nights. The early warmth precipitated harvest being about 10 days ahead of historical Sonoma vintages. Alexander Valley was mitigated due to the intense fogs that came in from the coast every 3 days or so, but the crop was still devastatingly small at 60% of normal. A light and rare vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2020 Chardonnay brings a little extra plushness as a result of smaller berries and high concentration. Ripe creamy aromas open, leading to flavors of lychee, tangerine, Asian pear, and a little nutty brioche. Rich yet light and beautifully balanced. Lively lemon flavors accented by creamy aromas. The long succulent apple pie-finish is topped off with melon, subtropical fruits, and a touch of butterscotch right on the finish.



### VINTAGE

2020

### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

### APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

### VINEYARD / ELEVATION

Lyric / 400'

### VINES / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

Planted 1990 / 110R / See

### SOILS / PRUNING / TRELLIS

Sandy Loam, Gold Ridge / U-trellis

### HARVEST DATE

Hand Harvested 8/27/2020

### HARVEST YIELD

4.0 tones per acre

### ALCOHOL / TA / pH / RS

13.9% / 6.2g/L / 3.0 / Dry

### FILTERING

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

### FERMENTATION

Barrel / Partial ML

### BARRELS

100% French / Tight Grain / 10% New

### BOTTLE AGE

10 Months

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

20 Years

### CASES PRODUCED

1,875 12-PACKS

### WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt

