

# 2018 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## “Winemaker Select” Chardonnay

*Inaugural Vintage*



**VINEYARD:** La Cienega is a family-owned and operated vineyard in the southern hills of Alexander Valley, off Chalk Hill Road. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are certified sustainable, grown on 16 acres of volcanic, loamy clay soils from 110R Rootstock, Clone 7. Hillside terrain includes up to 20% inclinations, at 400 feet elevation. Ideal warm climate with cool nights allows for long ripening. We employ minimally invasive farming, using drip irrigation, and returning nutrients to the soil with compost every two years.

**WINEMAKING:** Our limited production “Winemaker Select” Chardonnay was beautifully crafted by award winning winemaker Nova Perril. Premium Russian River grapes were barrel fermented in French oak then left on the wine’s yeast rich lees for 18 months, giving the wine a rich reserve quality. This method highlights the beautiful fruit balanced with perfect oak aging. Only 50 cases produced.

**PURPOSE:** Proceeds from this wine benefit *Women Gaining an Edge* (WG Edge), a leadership development program aimed at strengthening our agricultural workforce. They provide young women with active mentor relationships and scholarships to Santa Rosa Junior College. We honor their efforts to diversify the wine producing community.

### FLAVOR PROFILE:

**Aromatics:** Green apple, honeysuckle  
**Body/Texture:** Crisp, elegant, full fruit  
**Color:** Light honey gold  
**Flavors:** Baked apple, apricot

### TECHNICAL DATA:

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley  
**Varietals:** Chardonnay  
**Harvested:** September 8, 2020  
**Oak:** French  
**Cellaring:** 18 months  
**Bottled:** July 6, 2021  
**Alcohol:** 14.3%  
**pH:** 3.55  
**Total Acidity:** 6.1 g/l  
**Residual Sugar:** 0.8 g/l  
**Malic Acid:** 0.1 g/l  
**Volatile Acidity:** 0.55 g/l  
**Production:** 50 cases

**SUGGESTED PAIRINGS:** Sunshine, good friends, oysters, cheeses, seafood, risotto, birthday lunch, family brunch, beach sunsets, salted nuts, sour cream and onion potato chips, cheesecake.



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