



# PAPAPIETRO PERRY

## 2018

PETERS VINEYARD

*Russian River Valley*

C H A R D O N N A Y

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the Russian River Valley appellation, lies Peters Vineyard, the backbone of our production. An ideal location for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, this former apple orchard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the mornings and evenings, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit, and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine.

Peters Vineyard was our first-ever vineyard designate, and we continue to enjoy a close relationship with grower Randy Peters. His expert vineyard management helps us to consistently produce this incredibly luscious wine.

We have refined our winemaking techniques over time for this compelling Chardonnay site. We pick the grapes when they reach optimal ripeness; when there are fresh primary fruit flavors with plenty of acidity. We press the whole cluster grapes right away into a small holding tank to settle. Once most of the solids have settled, we move the wine from tank to a combination of new and 1-2 year old Francois Frères French oak barrels for fermentation. We inoculate the Chardonnay juice with cultured yeast and let the juice ferment at relatively cool temperatures until dry. The wine then ages for 11 – 14 months in barrel.

### TASTING NOTES

The fruit that comes from this former apple orchard showcases aromas of Meyer lemon, Gala apple and subtle hints of oak. Well framed with expressive citrus and melon, the Peters Vineyard Chardonnay delivers crisp flavors of white stone fruit, yellow plum and honeydew melon. On the palate, the wine is vibrant and concentrated with juicy acidity that drives a lingering finish.

### WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 17, 2018
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.6%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.3 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.44
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères, Leroi and Remond French oak, New and 1-2 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 17, 2019
<b>Production:</b>	342 cases

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