

2020

PETERS VINEYARD

Russian River Valley
CHARDONNAY

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 Fréres 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.

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TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay from the Peters Vineyard once again shines presenting a golden straw color with a delightful nose of honey, pear, and sweet tropical fruit. On the palate the wine presents nice complexity with layers of pineapple, lemon and pear fruit featuring just a hint of vanilla toast framed by bright, lively acidity. A firm structure with a broad mouthfeel and concentrated fruit delivers a mouthwatering, refreshing finish. Salmon Wellington with a fresh summer Caprese salad paired with this 2020 Chardonnay awards even the most discerning palate.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: September 1, 2020

Alcohol: 14.2%

T.A.: 5.3 g/l

pH: 3.61

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères, Leroi

and Remond French oak, New and 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 18, 2021

Production: 195 cases

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