



# PAPAPIETRO PERRY

## 2021

PETERS VINEYARD

*Russian River Valley*  
C H A R D O N N A Y

### WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 14, 2021
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.2 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.50
<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 9, 2022
<b>Production:</b>	501 cases

### 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

Beautiful with a star-bright, brilliant gold color - the 2021 Chardonnay starts with remarkable aromatics of apple galette, shaved almond, and white peach.

The entry is silky and smooth featuring a palate that is incredibly crisp, clean and tense, with tightly wound flavors of fruit-forward ripe apple and toasty oak. Brioche and nutmeg lead to a mid-palate of succulent nectarine, pear and oak with a hint of crushed rock. A sprinkling of baking spice and lemon meringue start the long satisfying finish.

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