

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.43

TA: 5.3 g/L

AGING: French oak, 7% new MONTHS IN BARREL: 17





Chardonnay

OUR FINEST SELECTION

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2020

IN THE VINEYARD

At DeLoach Vineyards we strive to produce distinctive wines that highlight unique terroirs in a socially and environmentally responsible way, practicing sustainable viticulture and minimally intrusive winemaking techniques. The 2020 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. The cool, foggy Russian River Valley climate enables our grapes to develop ideal characteristics that contribute to this distinctive Chardonnay.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Harvested between September 12-28, the grapes were whole-cluster pressed to stainless steel tanks for overnight settling. The juice was then racked to barrels for fermentation by native yeasts and malolactic conversion proceeded naturally during aging, while the lees-stirring contributed to enhanced mouthfeel. After being aged for 17 months in 7% new French oak, barrels were hand-selected to assemble the final blend before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Crisp green apple and wet stone aromas leap from the glass with a touch of floral. This rich, full-bodied Chardonnay has flavors of baked pear, nutmeg, and clove. A touch of citrus lingers on the finish with a fresh mineral element.