



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Chardonnay

HEINTZ VINEYARD

GREEN VALLEY OF
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINTAGE 2022

IN THE VINEYARD

Heintz Vineyard, farmed by Charlie Heintz, sits atop a ridge at 900 feet in elevation in the Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley. Its gently sloping sides are rich in Goldridge sandy loam with two to three feet of topsoil followed by layers of clay. Optimal growing conditions and careful vineyard management result in a luscious, mouthwatering, full-bodied Chardonnay with lots of depth.

The Heintz family has been farming Heintz Ranch for over a century. Charlie, along with his eight siblings, spent many hours working on the ranch as they grew up, and in 1984, Charlie took over the reins. Charlie's dedication and continual improvements to vineyard management have led to the finest quality Chardonnay grapes. The southwestern facing vines are located in the banana belt of the Green Valley, and tend to ripen earlier than much of the valley.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, the grapes were hand picked on August 16 and were whole-cluster basket pressed to preserve the rich, natural flavors. Barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years.

TASTING NOTES

Radiating from the glass, the 2022 Chardonnay bursts with vibrant aromas of tropical mango, tangy pineapple, citrusy orange marmalade, and buttery brioche. Its luxurious and silky texture enhances the luscious notes of ripe peach and caramel, creating a harmonious dance of bright citrus flavors. The finish is a juicy, lingering indulgence that leaves the palate thoroughly satisfied.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Green Valley of the
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.52

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 18 months in 100% French oak,
18% new

HARVEST DATE: August 16, 2022

