



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Chardonnay

HAWK HILL VINEYARD

GREEN VALLEY OF
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINTAGE 2023

IN THE VINEYARD

The Hawk Hill Vineyard is situated in the far southwest corner of the Russian River Valley at an old stage coach stop. The vineyard hangs onto a steep south-facing hillside, bathed by regular fog cycles and coastal wind. Grapevines struggle to ripen their fruit at such a cool site, but meticulous viticulture practices and patience are rewarded with an opulent range of flavors and impressive complexity from the long hang time. Minerality and acidity are preserved in this climate, deftly complementing the richness captured from our winemaking.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

We select clone 5 grapes from Hawk Hill that are hand-picked, sorted, whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine is aged in French oak barrels, 38% new, for 17 months and undergoes 100% Malolactic fermentation before being bottled unfiltered on April 2, 2025.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of ripe white peach, citrus blossom, and freshly grated orange zest rise gracefully from the glass, accented by hints of crisp grapefruit. The palate reveals layered notes of caramelized orchard fruit and golden honey, balanced by bright, refreshing acidity and nuanced touches of allspice and creamy vanilla. A long, expressive finish lingers beautifully with a subtle trace of sea salt, leaving behind an elegant and memorable impression.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
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ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.34

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak, , 38% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 17

HARVEST DATE: October 28, 2023

