

SENSES WINES 2020 CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



VINTAGE

2020 exuded significant promise with mild temperatures and cold nights to preserve the bright acidity typical of the valley and coast. Though frost was concerning in low-lying areas, most of the winery vineyards are on hills and ridgetops, which remained unaffected. Springtime rains threatened fruitset, but at the same time was welcome coming out of a very dry winter - dry winters often make for great growing seasons, provided you have the water. Although smoke from the wildfires damaged our entire red wine crop, excellent concentration and very clean fruit made for stellar Chardonnay that will be age-worthy with high acids and pleasantly ripe fruit characters.

WINE

"The 2020 Chardonnay Russian River Valley springs from the glass with notes of fresh grapefruit, white peaches, and Bosc pears with hints of honeysuckle, lime blossom, and beeswax. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has fantastic satiny texture and wonderful freshness supporting the bright, crunchy fruit, finishing with a gingery kick. The fruit came mainly from Bush Vineyard this year, near Dutton Ranch. 2019 was the first year getting fruit from here, so the team are still testing it out on this label. The clones are mainly Old Wente and some Hyde." - 93pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown

APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ALCOHOL: 14.4% | RELEASE PRICE: \$60

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK; 10% NEW 14 MTHS

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