



WINDSOR SONOMA

2009 CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

THE APPELLATION

Covering almost 200 square miles in the heart of Sonoma County's coastal landscape, the Russian River Valley climate is sculpted by the regular intrusion of cooling fog from the nearby Pacific Ocean. This cool maritime influence allows our Chardonnay grapes to develop full flavor maturity over an extended growing season, while retaining a high natural acidity.

THE WINE

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Clones	Dijon Clones 95 and 76
Harvest Date	September 27
Average Brix at Harvest	24.4°
Fermentations	Native primary and malolactic
Yeasts	Wild
Barrel Aging	9 months in French oak (45% new)
Bottling Date	August 28, 2010
Alcohol	13.5%
Total Acidity	0.58g/100ml
pH	3.42
Production	1,617 cases
Release Date	January 2011

WINE MAKING

Our Chardonnay grapes were whole-cluster pressed and fermented in French oak. The wine was aged for 9 months in 45% new French oak and 55% neutral French oak; the wine was aged sur lies with stirring every 2 weeks. 1617 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES

100% Chardonnay fruit, coming from both the cooler and slightly warmer regions of the Russian River Valley. The cooler region fruit ensures nice acidic and mineral balance while the warmer region fruit provides lush tropical notes.

An elegant, clean Chardonnay, displaying crisp citrus characteristics, complemented by lush tropical notes. Given the sur lies aging, there's a pleasant creamy texture on the palate. This wine also possesses a pleasing mineral quality, unique to the Russian River Valley. We're confident you'll enjoy this wine with fish, white meats and salads, but you'll discover it's lovely all by itself!

