



Girard

2010 CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

TERROIR

To obtain a balanced, food-friendly Chardonnay, we source our fruit from the cooler areas of the Russian River Valley – the majority of our Chardonnay comes from Dutton Ranch. The cooling, marine-layer influences enable our fruit to be picked with a high level of acidity, resulting in a bright, fresh and food-friendly wine.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were whole-cluster pressed directly into a combination of 38% new French oak and 62% used French oak. The wine went through native primary and malolactic fermentations and aged in barrel for 10 months.

TASTING NOTES

For our 2010 vintage of Russian River Valley Chardonnay, we resisted using strong oak influences, enabling flavors to become crisper and brighter with a lovely, pleasant acidity. Serving this wine slightly cooler than room temperature will evoke aromas of prickly pear, roasted hazelnuts and vanilla bean. On the palate are dazzling notes of crisp apple, lemon blossom and nutmeg.

TOTAL COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

GROWING REGION Russian River Valley | **PRODUCTION** 8,900 cases produced

ALCOHOL 13.5% | **pH** 3.56 | **TA** 0.66 g/100ml