



2007

RESERVE CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
MILL STATION VINEYARD

Our winemaker, Marco DiGiulio, has a pet Chardonnay vineyard, and that is the Mill Station vineyard – one of the premier Chardonnay vineyards under the ownership of the acclaimed Dutton Ranch properties. Marco feels this vineyard best typifies the Sense of Place that is the Russian River Valley. Historically, this vineyard's fruit is the cornerstone of our Russian River Chardonnay; however, in 2007, Marco sensed early on that this would be a truly special vintage. Most of the 2007 Mill Station wine went into the final blend of our Russian River Chardonnay, but Marco siphoned off enough wine prior to blending to produce our first-ever Reserve, Russian River Chardonnay, made exclusively from the Mill Station vineyard.

The wine is velvety smooth, with rich aromas of poached pear, Meyer lemon, Crème Brûlée and toasted popcorn. On the palate, the wine coats your mouth with its richness and weight, but the chalky minerality and crisp acidity provide a lovely balance to the wine.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand sorted and gently whole cluster pressed directly into 50% new and 50% once used French oak barrels. The wine was fermented with 100% native wild yeast. After fermentation the wine went through 100% native malolactic fermentation and was aged sur lies for 10 months. **Only 231** cases were produced.

Alc 14.7% - pH 3.48 - TA 0.60g/100ml

Press/Awards

Our 2007 Reserve, Russian River Chardonnay – Mill Station, has not been reviewed at this time.