



# FLANAGAN

2013 CHARDONNAY, *Russian River Valley*



**HARVEST DATE** September 12, 2013

**PH** 3.2

**TA** 5.8

**ALC** 14.2%

**BARREL REGIMEN** 41% new French oak, Francois Freres and Boutes. 11 months in barrel

**CASES PRODUCED** 431

**RELEASE DATE** March 2014

## PRODUCTION NOTES

Our 2013 Flanagan Chardonnay RRV is exactly what we aim to create. A rich, textural Russian River Chardonnay with ripe fruit, bright acidity, and a pretty barrel nuance. In 2013 we had another perfect growing year and an exemplary fruit condition. Warm days, cool nights, no heat spikes, and no rain meant that wine makers got to dial in the ideal balance between ripe flavors and good acidity.

## TASTING NOTES

The nose is a pretty blend of pear, fruit and caramel. On the palate those notes continue and are balanced with a hint of Rangpur Lime\* in the finish. The crisp acidity of the finish is a perfect balance to the richness of the wine. This is, to my mind, exactly what Russian River Chardonnay can be when top sites are well farmed and the wine making is focused on balance, and the judicious use of the best French cooperage.

\* **Rangpur**, *Citrus × limonia*, also known as *lemandarin*, is a hybrid between the mandarin orange and the lemon. It is a citrus fruit with a very acidic taste and an orange peel and flesh.