



FLANAGAN

2016 CHARDONNAY *Russian River Valley*



APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE August 30 - September 19, 2016

PH 3.38

TA 7.1

ABV 14.2%

CASES PRODUCED 690

BARRELREGIMEN Aged 11 months in French oak barrels, with 41% new Francois Freres and Boutes.

RELEASE DATE March 28, 2018

PRODUCTION NOTES

Our 2016 Flanagan Chardonnay Russian River Valley continues our tradition of making clean, balanced Russian River Chardonnay with ripe fruit, bright acidity, and a subtle barrel influence. In 2016 crop yields remained below average and fruit quality was very good. We source the grapes for this wine from several top Russian River Chardonnay sites including Platt Vineyard, Ritchie Vineyard and Bacigalupi Vineyard. We barrel ferment all our Chardonnay, which helps create the beautiful texture in the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Flanagan Chardonnay RRV has an expressive nose that is typical of the Wente Clone of Chardonnay. The palate has an elegant mélange of stone fruit and ripe citrus flavors supported by understated barrel notes. The key to the wine is the bright acidity that ties everything together. This is a great example of what top Russian River Chardonnay sites can produce when wine making is focused on balance.