



# FLANAGAN

2016 CHARDONNAY Bacigalupi Vineyard



APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE August 30, 2016

pH 3.8

TA 6.5

ABV 14.5%

CASES PRODUCED 117

BARREL REGIMEN Aged 11 months in French oak barrels, with 40% new Boutes barrels.

RELEASE DATE March 26, 2018

## VINEYARD

Just south of our new winery on West Dry Creek Road the Bacigalupi family owns approximately 120 acres of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir Vineyards on Westside Road. We sourced fruit for the 2016 Flanagan Chardonnay Bacigalupi Vineyard from one of their top blocks. Bacigalupi was the source of the Chateau Montelena Chardonnay that, famously, beat the French wines at the “Judgement of Paris” tasting in 1976.

## TASTING NOTES

2016 was a year characterized by low crop yields and even ripening. Our 2016 Flanagan Chardonnay Bacigalupi Vineyard spent 11 months in French cooperage with 40% of that new. The nose has ripe Meyer lemon, and a hint of red apple. The palate is very delineated and balanced. The ripe citrus maintains the tension and the sur lie barrel aging creates a beautiful texture. Like well-made Chardonnay from great vineyards around the world this wine benefits from getting some air, will age for years, and is best when served around 50 degrees.

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