



# FLANAGAN

2018 CHARDONNAY *Bacigalupi Vineyard*



APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE September 10th, 2018

pH 3.36

TA 7.71

ABV 14.0%

BARREL REGIMEN Aged 11 months in French oak barrels from Boutes cooperage with 40% new barrels

CASES PRODUCED 90

RELEASE DATE March 2020

## VINEYARD NOTES

In 2018 crop set was huge. Cluster counts were normal but as the season progressed the berries just kept sizing up. Yields for many varieties were 30% above average. Some cooler sites struggled to ripen the massive crop but the Bacigalupi vineyard had another excellent vintage.

Bacigalupi Vineyard straddles West Side Road in the heart of the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is 120 acres and encompasses a range of terroir from heavier valley floor soils along the Russian River to alluvial clay loams on the rolling hills to the west of West Side Road. We source our fruit from a really nice block of 25 year old Wente Clone vines on the west (uphill) side of the road.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Bacigalupi Chardonnay has a nose of citrus and peach blossoms. The palate opens with fresh White peach and Meyer lemon with brioche toast on the finish.

We aged the wine in Boutes cooperage for 11 months with 40% new barrels. Bacigalupi probably has the most classic Russian River profile of all our Chardonnays. We believe in letting each site express itself. That means that each of our wines has a barrel program and wine chemistry unique to that vineyard site in a given vintage.

This is terrific wine from one of Sonoma County's top Chardonnay sites and will age gracefully for many years.