



FLANAGAN

2018 CHARDONNAY *Beauty of Three*

APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE various picks in September 2018

pH 3.42

TA 7.3

ABV 13.5%

CASES PRODUCED 112

BARREL REGIMEN 100% barrel fermented and then aged in French oak barrels with 60% new barrels

RELEASE DATE May 2020

VINTAGE NOTES

Our 2018 Flanagan Chardonnay Beauty of Three continues our tradition of making clean, balanced Chardonnay with ripe fruit, bright acidity, and subtle barrel influence. This is an exemplary bottling, showcasing world-class Chardonnay from top Russian River Valley vineyards. The historic Bacigalupi Vineyard, situated in the upper reach of Russian River Valley, lends ripe fruit nuances and a bit of opulence to the wine. While the famed Ritchie Vineyard, located in the heart of Russian River Valley, offers elegant minerality and a brightness to the blend due to its cooler climate, being situated closer to the Pacific Ocean. We barrel ferment all our Chardonnay and the sur lie aging helps create the beautiful texture this wine offers.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Flanagan Chardonnay Beauty of Three 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 Valley Chardonnay sites can produce when the winemaking is focused on balance.

