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## 2018 MacRostie Russian River Valley Chardonnay



**ORIGIN:** The grapes for this wine came from four exceptional vineyards in the famed Russian River Valley appellation, with each of these beautiful sites bringing something unique and appealing to the blend. The vineyards include the Dutton family's Jewell and Wohler vineyards, Matthew's Station and the Martinelli family's Woolsey Ranch.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Because the 2018 growing season was one of naturally high yields, we worked closely with our grower partners to thin the fruit and to bring each vineyard into ideal balance. The clusters ripened slowly, and in general, 2018 was a late harvest. We harvested the Chardonnay for this wine from the middle to the end of September. This diversity in terms of harvest dates adds another element of complexity and intrigue to the blend.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** All grapes went direct to press as whole clusters. By pressing gently as whole clusters, we were able to preserve the bright, delicate characteristics that we prize. After settling, the juice was racked into French oak barrels for fermentation to give the wine just a hint of toast and spice. We used just 9% new oak and 27% one-year-old oak (with the remainder being neutral) in order to allow the richness of the fruit to take center stage. Once primary fermentation was complete, the wine went through a partial secondary malolactic fermentation. About 25% of the Malic Acid remains in the wine. This gives the wine a crisp, fresh edge. The barrel-fermented wine lots were aged on the lees for nine months, with occasional stirring to increase richness and body. The final blend was assembled just prior to bottling, which occurred on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**TASTING NOTES:** Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay begins with gorgeous fragrances of candied lemon and starfruit. The wine has a crisp entry, with layers of vibrant citrus and grapefruit zest that complement the rich mouthfeel and a refreshing finish.

This vintage produced 975 (750 ml) cases, 39 barrels  
Alcohol: 14.2%