

2017 Buehler Russian River Chardonnay

Our 2017 Russian River Chardonnay is born from two vineyards within the Russian River appellation: Wood Vineyard, located on River Rd and River Vineyard, located in the heart of Sonoma's Russian River Valley on East Side Road. The floral, mineral, and lime aromas and steely structure of the River Vineyard are complemented by the peach and apricot aromas and more fleshy structure of the Wood Vineyard.

Our winemaking philosophy remains the same since we first introduced the Russian River Chardonnay in 1993: less intervention is better in dealing with a delicate variety like chardonnay. Winemaking techniques including sur-lie aging, lees stirring, full malolactic fermentation, and the measured use of some new French oak are employed to bring you this delicious rendition from Sonoma's premier Chardonnay appellation.

The 2017 Russian River growing season began with record setting amounts of rain through early April. Growers were challenged by the resulting vine vigor; what initially appeared to be a larger than average crop was tempered by subsequent weather in June. Foggy mornings combined with several heat spikes made for smaller clusters and so our crop ended up a little below average in terms of quantity in the end. Very high temperature the last week of August ensured that picking was under way by the first week of September. Thankfully, temperatures moderated and we able to complete the harvest in less than two weeks. The catastrophic fires that began October 8 did not impact our harvest since the wine was safely in tanks at the winery by then.

Balance and proportion best describe the character of our 2017 Russian River Chardonnay; it displays abundant floral/ stone fruit aromas lightly accented by toasty, graham cracker sur-lie qualities. The mouth feel is creamy and full but the natural acidity of the Russian River fruit carries this velvet textured package to a long, clean finish.

David Cronin
Winemaker

Brix at Harvest	23.4
TA	0.58 g/100 ml
PH	3.53
RS	0.05 g/100 ml
Alcohol	13.9 % vol
Production	14,400 cases
Suggested retail	\$20

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BUEHLER VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY SONOMA COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2017

Thursday, December 12, 2019



Country	United States
Region	California
Vintage	2017

Score
91

Aromas of fresh, ripe white peaches, as well as pears here. There's a supple and focused feel to the palate that offers deep, ripe-peach flavor and good balance. Drink now.

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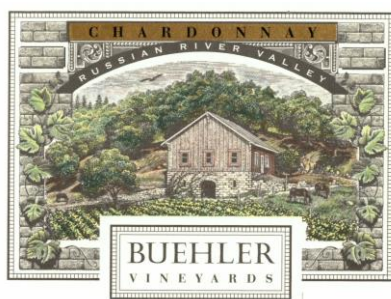
We've been producing our Russian River Chardonnay from the same vineyard since 1993, River Vineyard, located in the heart of Sonoma's Russian River Valley on East Side Road across the river from Rochioli. The vines consistently deliver delicious fruit with signature qualities of the appellation: floral, mineral, lime scents with good underlying acidity.

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The last 14 out of 17 vintages of our Russian River Chardonnay received value or smart buy accolades from the Wine Spectator...



James Laubes' Recommended California Chardonnays



VINTAGE	SCORE	ACCOLADE	ISSUE
2017	89	"Value" "Seven Stellar Examples"	Mar 25 2019
2016	89	"Daily Wine Pick"	May 19 2018
2015	87	"Chardonnay Value"	Feb 6 2017
2014	88	"Chardonnay Value"	Dec 29 2016
2013	88	"Top Value"	July 31 2015
2010	88	"Daily Wine Pick"	June 12, 2012
2008	87	"California Value"	Nov 30 2009
2007	90	"Smart Buy"	Jan 28 2009
2006	87	"California Value"	April 30 2008
2005	87	"Top Value"	July 31 2007
2003	87	"Top Value"	July 31 2005
2002	88	"Smart Buy"	July 31 2004
2001	88	"Smart Buy"	July 31 2003
2000	86	"Best Buy"	July 31 2002