

2021 Buehler Russian River Chardonnay

Our 2021 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 2021 growing season will be remembered as an early, even paced one that delivered a smaller than average crop with virtually none of the heat spikes we sometimes experience. A drought year, 2021 saw virtually all the rain fall between January and early March. The lack of rain during flowering set the stage for very even ripening; aromatic, floral aromas are hallmarks of the Chardonnay vintage. Our first rain event came on October 24 when all our lots were safely in the winery.

Balance and proportion best describe the character of our 2021 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	23.5
TA	0.57 g/100 ml
pH	3.49
RS	0.05 g/100 ml
Alcohol	13.9 % vol
Production	7,900 cases
Suggested Retail	\$25.00

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**BUEHLER VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY SONOMA
COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2021**

Notes of ripe pineapple and waxy lemons,
with hints of walnuts, honeysuckle and
vanilla. Full-bodied, seamless and creamy on
the palate, with good fruit concentration and
a spiced, slightly nutty undertone. Juicy finish.
Drink now.

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