

BRICOLEUR

VINEYARDS™

2018 Unoaked Chardonnay Estate Vineyard

Bricoleur | bri · co · leur | French — One who starts building something with no clear plan, adding bits here and there, cobbling together a whole while flying by the seat of their pants.

Bricoleur Vineyards brings people together to reconnect, savor life's simple pleasures, and create joyful memories. From watching the sun set over the rolling vineyards to sipping an exquisite Bricoleur Unoaked Chardonnay while sharing a picnic by the pond and playing bocce ball next to our rose garden, we are grateful for the opportunity to create beautiful experiences. As a luxury, boutique winery and an event facility, our goal is to bring you into our family. We proudly support our local Sonoma County winemaking, artisan food community and charities. At Bricoleur, savoring the moment and supporting each other is a way of life.



VINEYARD NOTES Harvest 2018 was a record breaking year for winemaking in Sonoma County and provided Bricoleur Vineyards with an amazing vintage of Russian River Valley Chardonnay grapes. The estate grapes are grown following the California Certified Sustainable Vineyard best farming practices.

The 2018 growing season temperature was optimal with cool nights, warm days which allowed for a longer growing season for the Chardonnay grapes. At the beginning of September the Chardonnay for our Unoaked Chardonnay was picked at the optimum brix level on the night of September 24th. Pushing harvest to the middle of September allowed the grapes to develop more intense flavors of deep fruit character. Even though the berries were smaller, the weight of the clusters and flavors were record breaking!

WINEMAKER'S NOTES This vintage of Unoaked Chardonnay is made from Estate Grown Chardonnay, which is sustainably farmed in the Russian River Valley appellation. The hand-picked fruit was carefully selected, and night harvested at the exact moment when the fruit reached the right maturity and acidity levels to craft an elegant, delicate style of Chardonnay. The grapes were delivered to Punchdown Cellars on the morning of September 24, 2018.

The wine was made in the classic style of whole cluster pressing the grapes into a stainless steel tank. The resulting Chardonnay juice settled into the tank for two days and then went through three week cold fermentation process. After the fermentation process, the juice was transferred into stainless barrels to age sur lie aging for 7 months. We let the true flavors and aromas of Chardonnay shine by not aging in oak barrels. The Unoaked Chardonnay was filtered and bottled on April 15, 2019.

TASTING NOTES The wine has silky and floral aromas of pear, apples and light spices. On the pallet there are the wonderful flavors of ripe Chardonnay and the luscious body of sur-lie aging. This wine will age gracefully for several years and will be a favorite to have with lighter fare of seafood, poultry and the elegant cheeses of Sonoma County.

Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date: September 24, 2018
Bottling Date: April 15, 2019
Release Date: June 1, 2019
Vintage: 2018
Price: \$30.00

Vineyard: Bricoleur Vineyards
Appellation: Russian River Valley
Winemaker: Cary Gott
Aging: Stainless Steel Barrels
Production: 185 Cases
Alcohol: 14.1%