

BRICOLEUR

VINEYARDS™



2022 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2022 growing season packed a few surprises with early frost and an abbreviated winter contributing to lower yields across Sonoma County. A Labor Day heat wave and September showers condensed the window of harvest by a few weeks. Overall, the quality of the fruit was extremely high across both estate vineyards, as lower yields resulted in concentrated flavors and even phenolic ripeness across blocks. The 2022 vintage promises many age-worthy wines.

Bricoleur Vineyard's Chardonnay comes from the estate vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The Chardonnay is comprised of the Wente and Chardonnay Musque clones. The Chardonnay consistently yields small, densely flavored clusters. In the vineyard we remove leaves on the morning sun side as the berries begin to swell to encourage flavor development and the distinct richness in the wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The hand-picked Chardonnay was carefully night harvested when the fruit reached maturity, offering distinct varietal flavors and wonderful acidity. The grapes were whole cluster pressed and the resulting juice settled for 24 hours in a chilled stainless-steel tank before being transferred to French Oak barrels where it was barrel fermented and aged sur lie 10 months. Regular lees stirring helped build texture and complexity in the wine.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Russian River Estate Chardonnay is our sixth release from Bricoleur Vineyards. Bottled in August, our 2022 is another fabulous 100% Estate Russian River Chardonnay. The wine boasts flavors of fresh pear and apple notes, interwoven with hints of butterscotch from French oak.

Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date: September 7, 2022
Bottling Date: August 1, 2023
Release Date: October 1, 2023
Vintage: 2022
Price: \$42.00

Vineyard: Bricoleur Vineyards
Appellation: Russian River Valley
Winemakers: Cary Gott & Bob Cabral
Aging: 40% New French Oak &
60% Neutral French Oak Barrels
Production: 520 Cases
Alcohol: 14.1%