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RIVER WEST VINEYARD 2022 CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

OUR STORY

Born from a passion for hard work and testing limits, a love of place – Russian River Valley – and enthusiasm for all things wine, Davis Bynum wines are a living legacy to their namesake – a true pioneer and champion of the Russian River Valley. Drawing on our 50 years of experience capturing the essence of the Russian River Valley we craft award-winning Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from River West Vineyard that tell the story of the land we love. This passion for the land is at the core of winemaker Greg Morthole's "Let the Land Speak" approach to winemaking. His intentionality and imagination continue the quality-driven approach of Davis Bynum and the commitment to the pursuit of excellence, quality, and consistency in all that we do. We believe great wine comes from great grapes and together we invite you to share our passion for letting the land speak.

VINEYARD

The River West Vineyard is located on Westside Road on a low riverside bench in the far northern end of the Russian River Valley. The soil is predominantly Yolo sandy-silt loam but with a pocket of gravelly Cortina soil in one block. It has been said that Chardonnay shows the hand of the winemaker more than other varieties. Our winemaker, Greg Morthole, believes there is some truth in that, but also believes the best vineyard sites yield fruit that distinctively express the characteristics of their location in the finished wine. Greg's delicate signature is embedded in each vintage as favored blocks and clones from River West are blended to show off the terroir of that site. The result is a delicious Chardonnay that shows characteristics of its origins derived from careful and deliberate winemaking choices to highlight our best lots.

THE HARVEST

The 2022 vintage was very mild. Rain from the previous autumn was light, and the new year entered warm and dry with daytime highs up to 70°F in early spring. An unusual sprinkle of rain in early summer was no cause for concern, and the temperature turned predictably hot a few days in June as usual, but the season was mild overall, with most summer days peaking around 85–90°F. An early harvest came as no surprise with the seasonable weather, as we picked the blocks over a week, from August 17–24, well before a big heat wave which came ten days later.

TASTE PROFILE

Our River West Vineyard Chardonnay features enticing aromas of lemon curd, apple pie and graham cracker, along with flavors of baked golden apple, pie crust and a sweet floral undertone. French and Eastern European barrel aging brings a measure of dusty oak tones and notes of butterscotch, tempered by a balanced acidity. Enjoy this Chardonnay with a variety of salty cheeses, creamy soups or grilled pork chops.

Our 2022 River West Vineyard Chardonnay is a vegan wine.

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VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS

River West

WINEMAKER

Greg Morthole

HARVEST DATE

8.17.2022–8.24.2022

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST

23.0° Brix

SOIL

Well drained sandy loam

pH

3.27

TA

0.65g/100ml

ALCOHOL

13.5%

CLONES

809, 15, 76, 72, 4, Spring Mountain

OAK AGING

12 months in French and Eastern European oak barrels, 35% new

