

Chardonnay - Russian River Valley 2019

BACKGROUND

Au Contraire wines are crafted for those who aim to live life to the fullest, who revel in turning the every day ordinary into something extraordinary. Our wines celebrate the spirit of taking on any challenge in life, no matter how insurmountable it may seem. This irresistible joie de vivre is artfully embodied on each Au Contraire label with a playful illustration that turns expectations on their heads. This Sonoma County wine was inspired by beloved company founder, David S. Taub, who touched everyone he met with his charisma, compassion, and tenacity. He would often use the phrase "Au Contraire!" to motivate colleagues, friends, and family to seek out creative solutions and accomplish unexpected results. These expressive wines, from top vineyards in Russian River Valley and the Sonoma Coast, are dedicated to David's infectious approach to life. Outstanding quality is guaranteed by legendary California enologist, Tom Hinde, and his experienced team of viticulturists and winemakers.

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Grapes for this Chardonnay are harvested from the heart of Russian River Valley to the western edges of Green Valley bordering the Sonoma Coast. This area has an ideal climate with fog influences and cool nights, which results in an extended growing season and grapes that maintain their natural acidity.

WINEMAKING & AGING

Whole cluster pressed. The juice was settled off the heavy lees and split between stainless steel and barrel fermentation with light lees stirring. Aged for 8 months in tank and barrel (100% French oak, 35% new).

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of lemon-lime citrus with rich pear and red apple, layered with a floral note of orange blossom. Focused minerality and acidity with a round mouthfeel and crisp balance.



ORIGIN

Russian River Valley, Sonoma, United States

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Chardonnay

SIZES

750ml

TECHNICAL DETAILS

ABV: 13.8%, TA: 6.1, RS: 1.8, Ph: 3.62,
Closure: Cork

WINEMAKER

Tom Hinde



750ML

