

# Reserve Chardonnay Mighty Mouse 2018

## 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

The Mighty Mouse Reserve Chardonnay is grown in two vineyards in the heart of the Russian River Valley. The 7.5 acres are located on the Russian River near the confluence of the Mark West Creek where the soils are alluvium with well-drained gravel bars. The vines are 24 year old, bi-lateral cordon trained on VSP trellising. Two clones of Chardonnay are planted -- Old Wente (for aromatics) and Dijon Clone 76 (for texture). This area has an ideal climate, with fog providing cool nights which results in an extended growing season and grapes that maintain their natural acidity.

## WINEMAKING & AGING

The Russian River Valley's ideal climate provides cool nights which results in an extended growing season and grapes that maintain their natural acidity. This Reserve Chardonnay is 100% barrel fermented and aged entirely French oak (Allier & Tronçais) for 16 months, 50% new.

## TASTING NOTES

Ripe pear and golden apple lined with vanilla bean. The fruit notes are complemented by lemon and mineral limestone. A round, plush mouthfeel combines a perfect balance of new oak with fresh pears and bright minerality, producing a lingering finish.



750ML



## ORIGIN

Russian River Valley, Sonoma, United States

## GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Chardonnay

## SIZES

750ml

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

ABV: 14.6%, TA: 6.1, RS: 1.8, Ph: 3.62,  
Closure: Cork

## WINEMAKER

Tom Hinde

