



2019 Marta Ella Vineyard
Russian River Valley
Chardonnay

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Winery

Harvest Notes:

The vintage began with record-breaking precipitation in the months of February and March, refilling irrigation ponds and recharging groundwater. The excessive late winter and spring rainfall delayed budbreak and got the growing season off to a slow start. Cool and mild Spring weather was followed by an unseasonable rainfall in early May 2019. The rain delayed and interrupted set and reduced yields by as much as 20 percent at a couple estate vineyards. The balance of the growing season and the end of the vintage was almost picture perfect, with a cool August and September. We enjoyed a long hang time and a slow and calculated harvest.

Winegrower Notes:

We are very excited to release the second vintage of this single vineyard Chardonnay from our winery estate vineyard, named in honor of both Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane's mothers. We have planted four heritage clones of Chardonnay to express the precision and intensity of the varietal. The grapes are harvested by hand at night before being whole cluster pressed. After settling overnight, the juice fermented in French oak barrels with indigenous yeast. The wine was aged for 13 months before bottling.

Tasting Notes:

This second release of our Martaella Vineyard Chardonnay is bursting with aromas of Meyer lemon, white peach, and Honeydew melon. The multifaceted aromatics and dense mouth feel are knit together by centered acidity and a long, complex white peach finish. Barrel fermentation and oak aging for 13 months have added hints of candied ginger and baking spice that develops to a subtle minerality on the finish.

Vineyard Sources: Martaella Vineyard (Estate)
Harvest data: August 22nd, 24th
Alcohol 14.2%, pH 3.51, TA 0.59
Fermentation: Whole Cluster pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast.
Cooperage: 32% new French Oak
Bottling: Spring 2021
Cases produced: 217 cases
Release Date: Summer 2021
Drinking Window: 2-6 years of vintage