

## PEDRONCELLI





### F. JOHNSON VINEYARD

The Frank Johnson Vineyard was planted to Chardonnay more than 40 years ago and is a primary source for Pedroncelli. A particular block is chosen for our small lot barrel-fermented style Chardonnay. Two appellations meet in this vineyard: Russian River Valley on the south side and Dry Creek Valley to the north. Fruit comes entirely from a designated portion on the Dry Creek Valley side. Influenced by the cool climate that combines marine fog layers and the confluence of two main waterways, the resulting wine shows exceptional quality.

#### WINEMAKING

Drought influenced the growing season and with less rain it lowered production and acidity while intensifying the flavors. This block of Chardonnay was harvested on September 6. As a result of the vintage, the wine shows a high concentration of aromatics with rich varietal flavors and mild acidity.

The grapes were crushed and pressed into a temperature-controlled stainless steel tank to settle for 24 hours. The juice was inoculated with Montrachet yeast and half-way through fermentation was transferred to barrels. The wine was aged for eight months on the less in seasoned American oak barrels. 100% of the barrels went through the secondary malo-lactic fermentation. Weekly stirring of the lees ensured the smoothing effects of aging the wine sur-lie, adding additional complexity.

#### TASTING NOTES

The bouquet of our F. Johnson Vineyard Chardonnay shows tropical fruit and toasted notes with a touch of vanilla. Rich and layered flavors of Crème brulee and peach following through to balanced acidity and a touch of toasty oak. Barrel fermentation and malo-lactic fermentation add underlying complexity and richness. Medium bodied, the fruit flavors blend with together for a bright and creamy finish. Enjoy now or within three years of release.

# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley

BARREL AGING

Seven months in American oak

ALCOHOL 14.2%

pH 3.66

TOTAL ACIDITY .550g/I00ml

Chardonnay | f. johnson vineyard v.2021 Sonoma County, dry creek valley

