

# DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

## 2018 SINGLE VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

### INTRODUCTION

The Winside Vineyard was planted to all Pinot Noir in 1997 and 2008, but over the years we couldn't help but think that Chardonnay might also thrive on this site. In 2015 we elected to t-bud some different Pinot clones onto the already existing root system of a block of Pinot Noir to learn what might perform best on this site. In addition, we took a small section and budded over to Chardonnay. In just its third vintage, it is already clear that this is an exceptional Russian River Valley Chardonnay site.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Russian River Valley Chardonnay is higher in acid than our Carneros, but it actually comes across as more rich thanks to the incredible concentration of fruit. Peach, pear, and granny smith apple come to mind first, along with exotic spice notes and just a hint of oak. The finish coats the palate, yet finishes very dry.

### ACCOLADES

93 Points, Robert Parker, *THE WINE ADVOCATE*

#### FRUIT

100% Old Wente clone Chardonnay from the Winside Vineyard

#### HARVEST DATE

September 19, 2018

#### ESTATE BOTTLED

January 25, 2020

#### CASES PRODUCED

481 cases

#### AGING

100% French oak, 44% new (Damy, Sirugue)

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%



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