

# DONUM

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## 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. After a certain clone continued to fall short of our expectations over several years, we decided in 2015 to take the opportunity to t-bud some different clones onto the already existing root system to learn what might perform better on this site. In addition, we took a small section and budded over to chardonnay, finally giving us the chance to make a Russian River chardonnay. The 2017 marks the second release of this wine, and every indication is that the site is very well suited to chardonnay.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Russian River Chardonnay is pale gold in color, with an exotic nose of kiwi, lime, anise and linseed. Exceedingly intense and rich, the wine remains balanced thanks to the structure provided by the naturally high acidity. The palate displays an array of flavors, from juicy apple and sweet Meyer lemon to brioche and caramel. The finish leaves a lingering impression of pomegranate and lightly toasted oak.

#### FRUIT

100% Old Wente clone Chardonnay  
from the Winside Vineyard

#### HARVEST DATE

August 31, 2017

#### BOTTLING DATE

January 25, 2019

#### CASES PRODUCED

305 cases

#### NEW OAK

100% French oak,  
54% new (Damy, Sirugue)



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