



## 2008 Chardonnay

RUSSIAN RIVER  
VALLEY

Label Artist:  
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**Tasting Notes** | The 2008 vintage Russian River Valley Chardonnay is a lighter, whiter gold than in the past, nearly pale straw in color. Unmistakable in its likeness to the '07, yet brighter with more elegance and verve.

Aromas run the fruit spectrum from apple and melon to apricot, mango and a touch of citrus, all lifted by a seductive floral note. The palate echoes apple, then builds with flavors of poached pear, white peach, candied lemon-peel, a hint of honey and a subtle kiss of oak. This is a rich and luxuriously textured wine, but with plenty of acidity and freshness to keep it lively through a long and satisfying finish. Perfect with cheeses or a hearty cream sauce.

**Drinking Windows** | Prime drinking: mid to late 2010 – 2012  
Graceful ageability: 2013+

**Analysis** | pH: 3.42  
TA: 5.9 g/L  
Alcohol: 14.7%  
Bottling: December 3, 2009  
Release: Spring 2010  
Total Produced: 377 cases

**Philosophy** | *We prefer to follow the grapes' lead and offer gentle care as the wine emerges from the juice. If a wine asks for help, we provide it. If a wine is happy on its own, we simply let it be and celebrate its unique evolution.*