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THE VINEYARDS



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Located in the middle reaches of Sonoma County, Russian River Valley encompasses 150 square miles of bucolic pastures, orchards, vineyards and townships. The region's climate is sculpted by seasonal fog that ebbs and flows from the Pacific Ocean near its western boundary. These weather patterns are ideal for cool-climate varieties, particularly Chardonnay, affording grapes uncommon depth and richness while still maintaining bright, natural acidity.

Our Russian River Valley vineyards are situated just 15 miles southwest of Jordan Estate yet enjoy temperatures up to 20 degrees lower than neighboring Alexander Valley. Winemaker Rob Davis transitioned from Alexander Valley Chardonnay grapes exclusively to Russian River Valley in 2000, seeking to capture the stone fruit flavors, vibrant acidity and minerality associated with the region's Chardonnays—characteristics found in his benchmark wine: grand cru White Burgundy. Davis has selected five vineyard sites on the east side of the Russian River known for their well-drained soils comprised of clay, sand and gravel, which contribute to our Chardonnay's elegance, minerality and long finish. Davis utilizes his long-term relationships and historical experience with each river benchland vineyard to ensure grapes are grown to our standards and new vines planted to our specifications. Vines range in age from three to 35 years with a variety of Dijon and UC-Davis clones.

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