

2024 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Vintage Report



"The 2024 Jordan Chardonnay reflects both intention and evolution in our approach to sourcing and blending. Greater clonal diversity brings nuance and consistency, while vibrant acidity, delicate citrus and a distinct minerality capture the balance and elegance we seek in every vintage."

– Maggie Kruse, winemaker

GROWING SEASON

After years of drought, the 2024 growing season benefited from a second consecutive year of generous rainfall. From January through April, 27 inches of rain fell across the region, replenishing soils ahead of bud break. Mild spring temperatures allowed the soils to warm steadily, bringing bud break back to its typical timing in late March and early April. With soils at full water-holding capacity through bloom and no significant frost events, the vines entered summer with healthy growth and an ideal start to the season.

VINEYARDS

The 2024 Jordan Chardonnay was blended from 21 vineyard blocks across 11 Russian River Valley vineyards and includes 10 different chardonnay clones, bringing greater diversity and complexity to the final wine. We seek vineyard sites with moderately cool temperatures that preserve bright fruit flavors and crisp acidity, as well as well-drained soils that contribute minerality. This combination of climate and soil supports the balance and elegance inspired by the white Burgundies that have long influenced Jordan's winemaking style.

VITICULTURE

July brought several days of temperatures above 100 degrees, requiring growers to closely manage irrigation and protect the vines from heat stress. The warm weather initially suggested an early harvest, but prolonged heat temporarily slowed vine development, ultimately returning ripening to a more typical pace. Careful vineyard management helped preserve freshness and acidity in the fruit, with no signs of sunburn or bitter flavors in the finished wine.

HARVEST

The 2024 chardonnay harvest began on August 29, five weeks earlier than the exceptionally late 2023 vintage, and concluded on September 17. Yields returned to more average levels after the abundant 2023 crop, and fruit arrived at the winery with beautiful balance and freshness. The resulting wine is bright and refined, with vibrant acidity and layers of citrus, Asian pear and Meyer lemon. A distinctive mineral character carries through the finish, while a silky texture provides depth and complexity.



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