**2022 Bacigalupi Vineyard Chardonnay**

**Vintage Notes**

The 2022 vintage will be remembered for its very small yields but extremely high-quality fruit, especially from vineyards that are adapting to climate change. Following a winter with little rainfall, the growing season began unusually early with budbreak in February. The summer months were warm and mild, leading to slow phenolic ripeness in the small berries and clusters. A recordbreaking heatwave occurred in early September, however, our vineyards were picked beforehand. We were fortunate that our fruit was perfectly ripe before this heat event, allowing us to lock in the freshness and acidity required for ageworthy wines.

**Tasting Notes**

Our 2022 Bacigalupi Vineyard Chardonnay is of limited quantity due to the low yields of the 2022 vintage, but it overdelivers in quality. Thanks to the careful farming performed by the Bacigalupi family and the shade provided by our block’s “California canopy,” the fruit from this vintage was fresh and sound upon arriving to the winery. Stunning aromatics of honeydew and apricot meld with white flowers and slate-like minerality, creating a beautiful bouquet. The palate is medium bodied with a generous viscosity, loaded with stone fruits, and balanced by a throughline of citrus-laced acidity.

**Technical Data**

* Varietals: 100% Chardonnay
* Sub-appellations: Russian River Valley
* Maturation: 44% New French Oak, 22% Neutral French Oak, 34% Stainless Steel Aged for 15 Months
* Bottled Date: December 13, 2023
* Cases Produced: 103 Cases (12 x 750 mL)
* Winemaker: Michael A. Tracy