

2016

ALANA VINEYARD

Russian River Valley Chardonnay

VINEYARD NOTES

One of the newest additions to our estate vineyards, Alana is nestled amongst the old redwoods of Sebastopol. This 5-acre vineyard sits on a ridge in Green Valley, a few hundred feet above sea level with the Pacific Ocean just 20 miles west, and maintains a near perfect climate for grape growing. Named after Bill's youngest daughter, Alana, the vineyard was planted in 2010 and is perhaps the most beautiful of our properties. Winding valleys keep the fog in late and temperatures low, while the sun peeks through in the afternoon to warm up just enough before the cool evening fog reappears. One of our cooler estates, this small but mighty vineyard ripens mid to late season with grapes that pack a punch. The Alana Vineyard Chardonnay consists of the best of the best from this incredibly special site.

VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was a relatively smooth year that unfolded at a steady pace with mild temperatures. While we didn't have many exceptionally hot days, it was one of the earlier harvests on our record. Flowering and fruit set beautifully and yields were above normal, which was a nice change from previous years. We harvested our first grapes in mid-August, picked about 25% of our grapes and then a sudden cool spell arrived. This allowed cooler climate vineyards that had yet to be harvested to remain on the vine longer and develop deep and expressive flavors. The berries were smaller and heartier than normal which resulted in great depth of color and structure. We are extremely excited by the 2016's - they are something special! Pretty, expressive, and pleasurable.



THREE STICKS



APPELLATION:	BARREL AGING:	ALCOHOL CONTENT:
Russian River Valley	15 Months	14.5%
VARIETAL CONTENT:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	PRODUCTION:
100% Chardonnay	100% French Oak, 27% New	110 Cases
CLONES:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	SRP:
Wente	7.3 g/L	\$75
SOIL:	PH:	RELEASE DATE:
Goldridge fine sandy loam	3.25	August 14, 2018

We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for an historic tasting in Sonoma.