



# ARISTA

## 2020 EL DIABLO VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*Russian River Valley*

### VINEYARD NOTES

Ulises Valdez planted the El Diablo Vineyard in 2008. The site is located on a ridge off Eastside Road and serves as the eastern edge of the Russian River Valley Appellation. The location of the site means that while each morning the vineyard is shrouded in fog, the marine layer burns off and the vines are able to soak in several hours of warm sunlight by early afternoon. Careful thought was put into both rootstock and clonal selection for the vineyard. Arista's blocks are planted to the Montrachet and Old Wente selections of Chardonnay, and are grafted to rootstock 420a. Row spacing is tight at 4x6 which helps to further reduce vigor and encourage competition for nutrients. The result is fairly low yielding vines that produce intense, flavor packed clusters. The two exceptional clone selections are perfectly matched to the climate of the Russian River Valley and, when planted to such an ideal site, can't help but give rise to a wine that seems to reach new levels of quality in each successive vintage.

### WINEMAKING

Cold grapes arrive at the winery early in the morning after having been picked at night. Grape clusters are sorted by hand and gently transferred as whole clusters directly into our press to undergo an extremely gentle press cycle lasting 3-4 hours. From the settling tank, the juice is moved to 60-gallon French oak barrels, where fermentation is allowed to occur naturally using only native yeast that come in from the vineyards. Limited battonage is used during the first 2-3 months of fermentation in order to encourage the development of a healthy yeast population. Once fermentation is safely underway the wine is not disturbed until the fermentation is complete, which typically takes about 10-11 months. Final blends are assembled and gently racked to stainless-steel tanks for about 4-6 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Green apple, lemon oil, and white peach notes emerge on the nose, and form the core of the 2020 edition of the El Diablo Vineyard Chardonnay. Lemon-lime flavors are enhanced by notes of white pepper and a beam of bright acidity on the palate

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vine age: 12 years

Soil: Goldridge, fine sandy loam

Clonal Composition: Old Wente and Montrachet

Aging: Approximately 11 months fermentation and aging in barrel followed by 4-6 months in stainless steel. Unfined, unfiltered

Alcohol: 14.4%

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