

FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1927



# PEDRONCELLI



## F. JOHNSON VINEYARD

The Frank Johnson Vineyard was planted to Chardonnay in the 1980s and is a primary source for Pedroncelli. A particular block is chosen for our small lot barrel-fermented style Chardonnay. Two appellations meet in this vineyard: Russian River Valley on the south side and Dry Creek Valley to the north. Fruit comes entirely from a designated portion on the Dry Creek Valley side. Influenced by the cool climate that combines marine fog layers and the confluence of two main waterways, the resulting wine shows exceptional quality.

## WINEMAKING

The vineyard block was harvested August 26 and, because of the warm and early growing season as well as the drought conditions, the Chardonnay fruit had mild acids with intense flavors and aromatics. Excellent quality. The grapes were crushed and pressed into a stainless steel tank to settle for 24 hours. The juice was inoculated with Montrachet yeast and half-way through fermentation was transferred to barrels. 100% of the production underwent secondary or malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for nine months in American Oak and French Oak, 15% new American oak. Weekly stirring of the barrels ensured the smoothing effects of aging the wine *sur-lie*, adding additional complexity.

## TASTING NOTES

The bouquet of our single vineyard Chardonnay shows a light touch of toasty vanilla and honey with creamy tropical fruit. More tropical fruit flavors with green apple and honey-caramel notes. Barrel fermentation and malo-lactic fermentation add toasted oak notes and a velvety richness. Medium bodied, the fruit flavors blend with bright acidity and an elegant, creamy finish. Enjoy now or within three years of release.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

APPELLATION Dry Creek Valley

### BARREL AGING

Nine months *sur-lie* in American and French oak

ALCOHOL 14.2%

pH 3.45

TOTAL ACIDITY .530g/100mg

CHARDONNAY | F. JOHNSON VINEYARD  
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## PEDRONCELLI WINERY

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