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2017 CHARDONNAY *Bacigalupi Vineyard*



APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE September 3rd, 2017

pH 3.31

TA 7.73

ABV 14.5%

BARREL REGIMEN Aged 11 months in French oak barrels from Boutes cooperage, 60% new barrels.

CASES PRODUCED 112

RELEASE DATE March 2019

VINTAGE NOTES

Just south of our winery, Bacigalupi Vineyard straddles Westside Road in the upper reach of Russian River Valley. The 125 acre vineyard encompasses a range of terroir, from heavier valley floor soil along the Russian River to alluvial clay loam on the rolling hillsides. We source our fruit from a superb block of 25 year-old Wente Clone vines located on the western slope of the site. Bacigalupi was the source of the Chateau Montelena Chardonnay that, famously, beat the French wines at the "Judgement of Paris" in 1976.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Bacigalupi Chardonnay has a nose of lemon zest and vanilla bean. The palate opens with red pear and Meyer lemon, and brioche toast and honey comb notes on the finish. Like well-made Chardonnay from great vineyards around the world this wine benefits from getting some air, will age for years, and is best when served chilled around 50 degrees. This wine will evolve in the bottle for many years to come. A terrific wine from one of Sonoma County's top sites for Chardonnay.