



# FLANAGAN

2018 CHARDONNAY *Russian River Valley*

APPELLATION *Russian River Valley*

HARVEST DATE September 10th and 29th, 2018

pH 3.35

TA 7.06

ABV 14.2%

CASES PRODUCED 299

BARREL REGIMEN 100% barrel fermented and then aged in Atelier Centre France and Boutes cooperage for 11 months with 50% new barrels

RELEASE DATE March 2020



## PRODUCTION NOTES

In 2018 crop set was huge. Cluster counts were normal but as the season progressed the berries just kept sizing up. Yields for many varieties were 30% above average. Some cooler sites struggled to ripen the massive crop but our Chardonnay comes from three of the top vineyards in Sonoma County. Great vineyards sites, when well-farmed, produce great fruit year after year. In particular the Platt Vineyard, all the way out at the coast in Bodega, had another exceptional vintage. Our 2018 Flanagan Chardonnay RRV is a blend of three of the greatest Chardonnay Vineyards in California. The wine is primarily a blend of the Bacigalupi Vineyard and the younger vine vinification from Ritchie Vineyard. There is a small amount of Platt Vineyard fruit that provides a thrilling lift to the acidity.

## TASTING NOTES

The nose shows notes of Rangpur lime, jasmine, and a hint of vanilla. On the palate the wine has Bosc pear and toasted almond. The wine has bright acidity and an elegant minerality.

We aged the wine in 100% French oak barrels, using Atelier Centre France and Boutes cooperage for 11 months with 50% new barrels. This is a stunning example of an AVA wine made from the top vineyards in Sonoma County.