

2019 CHARDONNAY Bacigalupi Vineyard

APPELLATION Russian River Valley HARVEST DATE September 6th, 2019

pH 3.45

TA 6.98

ABV 13.8%

BARREL REGIMEN Aged in French oak barrels from Boutes Soleil cooperage with 30% new barrels

CASES PRODUCED 89

RELEASE DATE March 2021

## VINEYARD NOTES

The spring of 2019 was an exceptionally wet one with 20 days of rain in just the month of May. This helped limit fruit set and meant that the 2019 crop was much smaller than the massive 2018 Harvest. After the very rainy spring things settled down, and the rest of the growing season was ideal. The lack of late season rains or heat spikes meant that we were able to harvest without any drama. The fruit quality in 2019 was excellent.

Bacigalupi Vineyard straddles West Side Road in the heart of the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is 120 acres and encompasses a range of terroir from heavier valley floor soils along the Russian River to alluvial clay loams on the rolling hills to the west of West Side Road. We source our fruit from a really nice block of 25 year old Wente Clone vines on the west (uphill) side of the road.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Bacigalupi Chardonnay has a nose of Citrus flowers and Tahitian Vanilla. The palate opens with bright Lemon zest, a fresh acidity, and a nicely integrated barrel note with a hint of spice. We believe in letting each site express itself. That means that each of our wines has a barrel program and wine chemistry unique to that vineyard site in a given vintage.

Bacigalupi was the primary source for the Chardonnay that won the Judgement of Paris in 1976. We love working with the Bacigalupi family and our wine continues the tradition of excellence from this famous site.

