



FLANAGAN

2022 CHARDONNAY *Bacigalupi Vineyard*

APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE August 22th, 2022

pH 3.49

TA 6.14

ABV 13.5%

BARREL REGIMEN Aged in French oak Boutes barrels, 40% new

CASES PRODUCED 116

RELEASE DATE March 2024



The 2022 vintage saw a continuation of the severe drought that started in 2021. On 4/19/2021 the water from Lake Mendocino was shut off and remained shut off until 10/9/22. No water at all was made available for Agriculture from the lake. The use of many other water sources was either restricted or completely prohibited. The ongoing lack of soil moisture led to a second year of weak shoot growth and poor fruit set. Overall, the crop in North Coast was about 10% below normal. After the total disaster of 2020 (which had two major fires in the middle of the growing season) and the small 2021 harvest, wineries continued to struggle to find fruit. The lack of supply of grapes was partially offset by a drop in consumption starting in the second half of 2022. The 2022 vintage produced another small crop of high-quality grapes.

Bacigalupi Vineyard is famous for being the source of the Napa Chardonnay that won the judgement of Paris in 1976. Of course, it was actually a Sonoma County Chardonnay made by a Napa based winery. Bacigalupi is a relatively warm site on West Side Road in the northern part of the Russian River Valley that produces consistently ripe Chardonnay fruit. We make a clean, balanced style that reflects both the site and the vintage. That means harvesting grapes so that they retain adequate acidity, and making moderate use of new French oak. Our Flanagan Chardonnay Bacigalupi Vineyard is consistently one of the top wines produced from this historic site!

TASTING NOTES

The nose displays Jasmine, Herbs de Provence and Almond Blossom. The palate of the wine has a zippy acidity and is dominated by ripe, beautiful Meyer Lemon flavors. The Russian River Valley is recognized as one of the top regions in the world for growing Chardonnay, and Bacigalupi Vineyard is well known within the AVA for producing high quality fruit. We have made great wines from Bacigalupi since 2014 and it continues to be a favorite with our club members!