

## 2020 CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

DIRECTOR'S CUT WINES EMBRACE

APPELLATION-SPECIFIC SOURCING, METICULOUS

FRUIT SELECTION, AND NUMEROUS BLENDING

TRIALS IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THE DISTINCT

NUANCES OF SONOMA'S MICROCLIMATES IN A

HIGHLY REFINED STYLE WELL-SUITED TO FINE

CUISINE AND PREMIUM WINE LISTS.

**AROMAS** 

Ripe mango, apple pie

**FLAVORS** 

Tropical fruits, citrus

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The warm spring in 2020 made for early bud break in most regions, followed by a cool March and April, and variable temperatures. Temperatures levelled off and stayed consistently warm throughout June and July and increasing again in August. During harvest, we ran micro ferments to test for quality, and found that the 2020 vintage wines are tasting exceptional!





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The climate of the Russian River Valley is greatly influenced by fog that rolls in each evening from the nearby Pacific Ocean. This marine layer cools the vineyards down from their daytime temperature by as much as 35 to 40 degrees, creating conditions that allow grapes to ripen slowly and retain their natural acidity for better balance.

With its unique wraparound label designed after a Zoetrope strip, one of the earliest moving picture devices, each Director's Cut label is a replica of a strip from Francis's personal Zoetrope collection.





