



### **2008 Vintage Russian River Valley**

This was a year for low yields in the vineyards. During the last week of August, these low yields combined with a heat spike to give a little extra push to fast-ripening Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. By the beginning of September, harvest was in full swing. And in mid-September, most of the early-ripening varieties had been picked with ripe flavors and robust sugars. Low yields across the board contributed to intense flavors in both white and red grapes, leaving vintners pleased with overall results.

### **Cellar Notes**

Our Chardonnay is blended from select coastal Russian River Valley vineyards, including the renowned Bacigalupi Vineyard off West Side Road. (This vineyard was part of the blend that won the famous Paris Tasting of 1976.) The grapes are gently whole-cluster pressed and then briefly settled prior to fermentation in French oak. The wine is fermented on its lees using a blend of indigenous and non-native yeasts. Malolactic fermentation occurs naturally in barrels as well, and the wines are aged in wood for 9 to 12 months. They are bottled unfiltered.

### **Tasting Notes**

Richly textured, smooth, plush and brimming with flavor, Peter Paul Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2008 is sourced from a singularly famous vineyard with great pedigree. It serves up plenty of pear, apricot and other stone fruit flavors, is backed by firm acidity and framed in toasty, sweet oak with hints of vanilla and spice.

Oak: 100% French Oak

Cases Produced: 579

Appellation: Sonoma County, Russian River Valley

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