

PETER PAUL

WINES

2015 Chardonnay Russian River Valley Bacigalupi Vineyard

Bottling and harvest are the two most intense endeavors undertaken each year. Typically there is some time in between to change gears—not the case for 2015 as our Bacigalupi fruit was ready just as the last 2013 Cabernets rolled off the bottling line. Looking back at the growing season, one word comes to mind: “*early*”. Early bud break, early veraison and early harvest. Perhaps the cultural year was affected most by a warm winter followed by a cool spring limiting the crops yield to levels below average. A light crop typically results in a quality vintage for us and 2015 was no different! We are very happy.

Vineyard Source:

Sourced from one of the most famous vineyards in the Russian River Valley, our Bacigalupi Chardonnay will not disappoint. In 1976, Bacigalupi grapes were part of the Chateau Montelena blend that won the famous “Paris Tasting”, effectively putting California wines on the map. The vineyard continues to deliver extraordinary quality commensurate with its renowned terroir. Our parcel has the “old school” California canopy that allows the fruit to ripen to full physiological maturity without sunburn. Traditional old world techniques, such as native yeast fermentation, batonnage and extended lees aging yield a rich, complex wine. The wine is fermented and aged only in Latour barrels—all French oak—and then bottled unfiltered.

Tasting Notes:

Aromas of white stone fruit and apple pie are complemented by nuances of vanilla bean and almond shell. On the entry a lush texture of citrus and candied apple fans out across the mid-palate, enhanced by a distinct minerality framing the lengthy finish. This famous vineyard delivers exceptional consistency from vintage to vintage expressing its pedigree as one of California's finest.

Technical Data:

Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Clones: Old Wente

Oak: 100% French Oak, 45% new for 15 months

Cases Produced: 478

Appellation: Russian River Valley