

Our Rugged Elements series are limited production wines that reflect the diversity and richness of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Influenced by the elements that define the terroir - from the river to the soil and trees, to the dense fog and ocean, each wine is a unique expression of the single vineyard it was sourced from.

FROM THE WINEMAHER

Heavy winter and spring rains recharged the soil after years of drought and a moderate summer made for a steady growing season. Handpicked at the peak of ripeness and flavor, the clusters were pressed gently and sent to French and Hungarian oak barrels for fermentation. The lees were stirred every other week for 6 months, then the wine was allowed to settle. About 75% of the barrels went through malolactic fermentation and the wine was aged for 19 months in 48% new oak to give it its pleasant, creamy texture.

TASTING NOTES

Our Rugged Elements Green Valley Chardonnay offers a creamy texture and pleasant minerality with aromas of Asian pear, cantaloupe, cinnamon, with a hint of beeswax and roasted macadamia nut. The mouthfeel has layers of flavor with lively acidity and a lingering finish.

THE VINEYARD

This vineyard lies in the Green Valley region which is located in the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA. The vineyard's terroir is very cool due to its close proximity to the ocean, which is ideal for Chardonnay. The soil of this vineyard resembles moon dust - a very fine, sandy-loam composition that is well drained, providing perfect growing conditions for superior Chardonnay. This ranch has a long history of producing some of our best Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- Composition:** 100% Chardonnay
- Harvest Date:** September 28th, 2019
- Harvest Method:** Handpicked
- Aging:** Barrel aged in 48% new French and Hungarian oak
- Acidity/pH:** 5.1 g/L, pH = 3.38
- Alcohol:** 14.1%
- Production:** 300 cases
- Bottled:** August 2021

VINEYARD DETAILS

- Region:** Russian River Valley
- Latitude:** 38° 26' 35.22" N
- Longitude:** 122° 53' 03.56" W
- Block Area:** 9.4 acres
- Rootstock:** 5C Teleki
- Clone:** 4
- Soil:** Goldridge sandy loam

