

Rivière
Flora Marie Vineyard

2018

Wine Details

Vineyard:	Flora Marie Vineyard
Appellation:	Russian River Valley, Middle Reach
Terroir:	Spreckels & huichica loam volcanic clay subsoils, northwest-facing slope
Varietal:	Chardonnay
Clone:	Montrachet
Harvest Date:	September 1, 2018
Fermentation:	Cold Fermentation to Complete Dryness
Alcohol:	14.5%
Barrels:	French oak
Barrel Aging:	11 months
Bottling Date:	August 10, 2019
Production:	100 cases
Release Date:	Spring 2020
Cellaring Time:	7 – 12 Years

Winemaker Notes

The 2018 Flora Marie Chardonnay displays aromas of lemon oil, citrus zest, honey suckle, crushed rocks, and a hint of vanilla. The multi-layered palate contains fresh acidity, white peach, sweet spices, and hints of honey and lychee. The wine has structurally weighted layers of minerality and finishes medium to long. This wine will age gracefully for 7 to 15 years.

– Kale Anderson

Vintage Notes

The 2018 growing season in the Middle Reach neighborhood is considered to have been classic and ideal. The early Winter months were slightly warmer than usual with below average rainfall, but the lack of early rain was made up in February and March. The growing season had generally moderate temperatures resulting in a long hangtime that created optimal cluster maturity. A cool foggy marine layer was prevalent most mornings but gave way to warm afternoons. Harvest began August 28th and end September 21st. Both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay fruit quality was excellent and is characterized as generating intense flavor and well-balanced power.

About the Winery

In the early 90's, we started to develop a palette for different types of wines. Although we knew little about the industry, we enjoyed what was in the glass. Geoff researched different varieties to understand the areas in which different grapes are grown. Over the next several years, we became California wine country enthusiasts and traveled frequently to Sonoma and Napa. It was during these trips we defined our passion for small lot, hand-crafted wines and the stories they told. We found each bottle told its own story. The personal connections we made in Sonoma County with the people, land, and wine, inspired us to purchase our estate vineyard, and we now call the Russian River Valley our home.

Our family is focused on growing and sourcing ultra-premium grapes from the Middle Reach of the Russian River Valley as we believe wine produced from this region has unique age worthy flavors and characteristics that all will enjoy. Our goal is to craft artisanal, limited that will create many memorable experiences.

