



VALRAVN

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sonoma county
chardonnay

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years now and along the way, established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues that include vineyard owners, growers and winemakers. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, ValravN represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. ValravN wines are out of the gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Grapes are hand-harvested from select vineyards - a core of Russian River fruit with cut barrel selections from our Marine Layer designated wines, including Bohemian, Heintz, Gaps Crown, Hawk Hill, and Marine Layer Estate vineyards. The Russian River component is a beautiful property with Goldridge soils on gently rolling hills planted to Dijon clone vines in 1998. The south/east exposure provides excellent drainage and the benefit of the full morning sun to temper the cool climate.

Wild yeast primary fermentation occurred in a barrel (75% French oak) and stainless steel tank. Malolactic fermentation halted after 80% completion to retain acidity. The wine then aged for ten months in French oak barrels (30% new - Dany, Cavin, and Tremeaux) with monthly batonnage.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose and palate, find complex flavors and aromas of crushed stone, marzipan, citrus blossom, honeysuckle, and stone fruits. The 2021 ValravN Chardonnay has excellent texture and tension with fresh vigor balanced by the wine's lush body, ripe fruit, and persistent finish.

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