

2016 Chardonnay, Laceroni Vineyard, Russian River

Case Production: 238 SRP: \$70.00

Laceroni vineyard is nestled in the deep southwestern part of the Russian River Valley close to the town of Graton. The 45 acre vineyard was planted in the early and mid-2000's. The cool climate and the typical Goldridge soil give this wine its character. Soft rolling hills, protected from direct sunlight, allow for slow ripening. This Chardonnay, meticulously farmed on a great site has it all: good structure, nice fruit profile, great balance and layers.

Closest Town: Graton

Rootstock: 3309

AVA: Russian River

Soil Type: Goldridge

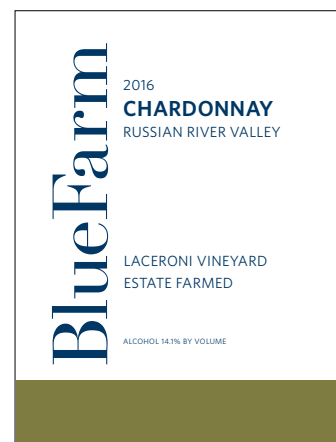
Varietal: Chardonnay

Aspect: Slightly Western Facing

Planted: Mid-2000s

Row Orientation: East/West

Clone(s): Dijon 95



The Vintage

The 2016 vintage was eerily reminiscent of 2014 and 2015; in fact, 2016 is almost an exact replica of 2014. Thus it was no surprise that bud-break was early for the third successive vintage. This naturally resulted in an earlier harvest, and we once again began picking Chardonnay in August, and finished by the third week of September. While 2016 was the last of five straight drought years, we did receive average or slightly above average rain during the winter of 2015/16, so the soils were saturated and water was not an issue, allowing for even vegetative growth. There was a little bit of rain throughout the spring, which refreshed the soils, but none in the critical late summer and early fall months that would affect picking decisions, and by the time rain arrived in mid-October all of our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay was already off the vines. – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2016

Type of Tank: Small open top stainless steel

Harvest Date: August 23rd

Tank: Only used for settling after pressing (24hrs)

Harvest Brix: 24

Days in Tank: 24 hrs for chilling and settling

Harvest pH: 3.17

Barrel Program: 45% New Sirugue, Cadus, Saury

Harvest TA: 7.62

Bottling Date: March 2018

100% Whole Cluster Pressed

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.1

Fermentation and aging: Barrel fermented; aged on the lies until bottling

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Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.