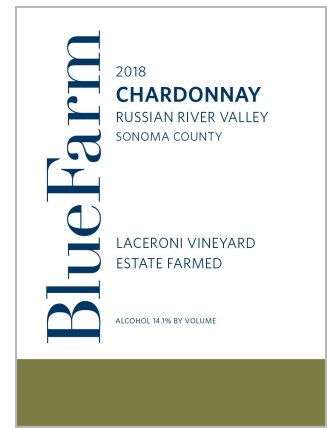


## 2018 Chardonnay, Laceroni Vineyard, Russian River

**Case Production:** 133 / **SRP:** \$70.00

Laceroni vineyard is nestled deep in the 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  
AVA: Russian River  
Varietal: Chardonnay  
Planted: Mid-2000s  
Clone(s): Dijon 95

Rootstock: 3309  
Soil Type: Goldridge  
Aspect: Slightly Western Facing  
Row Orientation: East/West

### The Vintage

2018 was one of our cooler vintages in the last decade, with extended ripening and slow flavor development. Comparing temperatures, 2018 never climbed over 95 degrees and reached the low 90's only 5 times. In 2017, we saw 10 days of temperatures above 95 degrees, and, to put that into greater context, we saw heat spikes like that only 19 times throughout the entire 1990s. When we talk about vintage, rainfall and temperature are the drivers that define the journey of flavor development and expression. As a grower, I try to adjust those variations by using tools such as canopy management, irrigation, and thinning. 2018 was an easy year, but on the heels of 2017, we had to be patient. Our harvest began 2 weeks later than 2017, starting with the Chardonnay from the Laceroni Vineyard and the Pinot Noir from our 1861 Vineyard. The Anne Katherina and King Ridge vineyards came in at the end of September. The wines showcase the moderate growing season with deep fruit flavors, layers and a delicious suppleness. I am in love with the 2018s. They come close to the perfect wine; sophisticated and nuanced. – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2018  
Harvest Date: September 10th  
Harvest Brix: 23.4  
Harvest pH: 3.23  
Harvest TA: 7.8  
100% Whole Cluster Pressed  
Fermentation and aging: Barrel fermented;  
aged on the lees until bottling

Barrel Program: 30% New French Oak: Sirugue,  
Cadus,  
Bottling Date: March 2020  
Bottling % Alcohol: 14.1  
Case Production: 133  
SRP: \$70

### 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.

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