



## 2022 FLORA MARIE CHARDONNAY

*Russian River Valley*

### TASTING NOTES

Year after year, we have made Chardonnay from the Flora Marie Vineyard, and it has formed an integral part of our Russian River Valley Chardonnay. With the 2022 vintage, we are thrilled to introduce our first single-vineyard Flora Marie Chardonnay release. In the glass, the Flora Marie Chardonnay shows aromas of citrus and stone fruit, which are amplified by undertones of flint and wet stone. Bracing acidity is pronounced but beautifully integrated on the palate, where flavors of candied lemon peel, toasted brioche, and crushed granite harmonize in this medium-bodied wine.

*Peak drinking window: 2025 through 2033.*

### PHILOSOPHY

The Flora Marie vineyard lies on one of our favorite ridgelines in the Russian River Valley. Situated directly between El Diablo and Ritchie, two other vineyards in the Arista portfolio, the Flora Marie site was originally developed by our good friend and legendary vineyard manager Ulises Valdez. He had the instinct that Chardonnay is perfect for this site, and the fact that he planted 100% Montrachet vines results in this beautiful wine we can now enjoy. Located on the warmer side of the Russian River, an uncommonly pure vein of Goldridge soils runs directly through this ridge, giving the grapes a rare degree of purity and freshness. The hillside itself faces East, which allows the vines to ripen under the gentle morning sunshine and remain protected against the more intense afternoon rays. For many years this Chardonnay was an integral component of our Russian River Valley bottling, but the uncommon complexity and nuance emerging from Flora Marie inspired us to craft a single-vineyard wine from the site.

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