

2023 REULING VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

We're excited to introduce the Reuling Vineyard Chardonnay to our mailing list for the first time with the 2023 vintage. While this is a new addition to our single-vineyard lineup, the site itself is anything but new to the upper echelon of California Chardonnay. Originally planted in 2000 by Mark Aubert and Peter Michael, Reuling Vineyard is located just outside of Forestville on a gentle, sandy hillside rich in Goldridge soil. The vineyard's heritage Montrachet clone, combined with its proximity to the cooling marine influence of the Sonoma Coast, consistently yields wines of structure, complexity, and refinement.

Our inaugural release from Reuling captures the vineyard's distinct personality with clarity and poise. Aromatically, the wine opens with ripe stone fruit, citrus peel, and a thread of crushed rock. The palate is focused and energetic, offering layers of white peach, lemon curd, and oyster shell, framed by brisk acidity and a savory mineral core. The finish is long, textured, and mouthwatering—an elegant debut that speaks to the pedigree of the site.

Peak drinking window: 2027 though 2040.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Reuling Vineyard is a beautiful 14-acre site located in Sonoma between Forestville and Graton. Originally an apple orchard, owners Tim and Jackie Reuling converted the farm to grapevines in 2000 with help from lauded winemaker Mark Aubert. Ever since, the vineyard has become renowned for its singular, ethereal Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays made by some of California's most lauded wineries. Situated at just 220 feet of elevation, the vineyard benefits from Goldridge Sandy Loam soils which are ideal for Chardonnay.

Now farmed organically, the Reuling vines benefit from the cooling influence of the Pacific and gentle sloping hillsides which allow the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. The Reuling Vineyard was one of the original sites that Ben and Mark McWilliams dreamed of cultivating when they took over winemaking at Arista in 2013, and 2023 marks the debut vintage of Arista's Reuling Vineyard Chardonnay.

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