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2022 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 'TRES FRAIS' CHARDONNAY

Best of Class / 95 PTS / Double Gold Medal
2024 Los Angeles Invitational Wine & Spirits Challenge
Gold Medal - Hilton Head Intl. Wine Competition, SC



Wine Specifications:

Vineyard:	Russian River Valley, Baldocchi
Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date:	8/24/22 & 9/3/22
Bottling Date:	4/24/2023
Cases Produced:	408 cases
Alcohol:	14.0%
Cooperage:	7 months in 100% stainless steel tank
TA:	6.5 g/l
pH:	3.48
Price:	\$48

Winemaker's Comments:

Vineyard/Harvest: Our 'Tres Frais' Chardonnay is crafted from our meticulously tended Baldocchi Estate Vineyard on River Road in Santa Rosa. This vineyard is dedicated to the esteemed Old Wente clones 72 and 24, which are celebrated for producing wines of remarkable complexity and intensity. These clones provide our Chardonnay with rich fruit flavors, a notable mineral quality, and a distinctive texture that adds profound depth and character to the wine. The grapes were hand-harvested at night on August 24th and September 3rd, 2022.

Winemaking: After careful destemming and gentle pressing, the juice was transferred into separate stainless-steel tanks for fermentation. Over the course of 30 days, the wine developed its unique flavor profile and structure, with the cool, controlled fermentation preserving the fresh, vibrant characteristics of the Chardonnay. To maintain its bright and fresh nature, the wine was aged for seven months in stainless steel tanks. This method of aging helps to preserve the purity and clarity of the fruit flavors, resulting in a Chardonnay that is crisp, lively, and refreshingly elegant.

Description: 'Tres Frais' translates from French as 'very fresh' and describes this wine to a T. Crisp from the first sip, this Chardonnay is for the purists who don't like creamy or toasty oak flavors and aromas. Concentrated aromas of juicy apricot, zesty Meyer lemon and Golden Delicious apple draw you in. Vibrant, intense and fresh, the palate offers elegant minerality and succulence, with flavors of pineapple, ripe peach and apricot. An alluring finish of citrus fruit and apple is so bright and refreshing you won't be able to tear yourself away from the glass. It pairs beautifully with a light Shrimp Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette. The crisp acidity and bright fruit flavors of the wine complement the delicate flavors of the seafood, while the lemon vinaigrette echoes the wine's citrus notes.