



2012 Chardonnay Russian River Valley Sonoma County

Our Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher for Bucher Farms. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. The 35 acres of land, with 14 blocks of wine grapes, are owned by John and his parents, and farmed by John for Bucher Farms. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2012 Chardonnay fruit came to us from a neighboring vineyard on Westside Road, about 2 miles from our ranch, and the owner mirrors our sustainable farming practices.

Tasting Notes: Crisp and light with neutral oak, this Chardonnay is fruit forward with wonderful spice, apple and pear aromas. The rich spice flavors along with bright fruit and acidity give this wine nice structure and balance. Greg Walter, of the Pinot Report, recently opened a bottle and posted, "OK, this is just plain delicious...rich, lush fruit, crisp acidity..." We couldn't have said it better.

Composition	100% Chardonnay
Vintage	2012
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Clone	Clone 4
Harvest Date	October 3, 2012
Brix	23°
Barrel Aging	6 months
Cooperage	50% neutral oak barrels 50% stainless steel
Bottling Date	April 12, 2013
Alcohol	13.4%
pH	3.6
T.A.	.072g/100mL
Release Date	May 1, 2013
Production	90 cases

