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2017 Chardonnay Unoaked Bucher Vineyard Russian River Valley Sonoma County

The Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher. 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. Today, Bucher Vineyard has 38 acres of sustainably-farmed grapes – 36 acres of Pinot Noir on 14 distinct blocks and 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2017 Unoaked Chardonnay came from an unusual growing season that started with lots of rain and ended with extreme heat, but the Chardonnay seemed to thrive in it.

Tasting Notes: Subtle aromatics of ripe pear, tropical fruit and pineapple mingle with a faint mineral essence that adds depth to the nose. On the palate, Asian pear, spiced caramel apple, guava and a touch of citrus provide a lovely balance of flavors. The round, smooth mouthfeel appears more crisp in the long fruit-driven finish. This Unoaked Chardonnay showcases the true spirit of this noble grape.



Composition	100% Chardonnay
Vintage	2017
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard
Clone	Wente
Harvest Date	Aug. 31, 2017
Brix	23.3°

Copperage	100% stainless steel
Bottling Date	February 8, 2018
Alcohol	13.8%
pH	3.4
T.A.	0.7g/100mL
Release Date	April 1, 2018
Production	168 cases

