

2022

VARIETAL 100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE 8 months 20% New French oak

ALCOHOL 13.9%

PRODUCTION 1,000 Cases

SRP \$29

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## GEHRICKE

Russian River - Chardonnay Sonoma, California

## **Tasting Notes**

Golden in color, this wine offers a fruit-forward aroma profile featuring tropical fruits, honeydew melon, crème brûlée, and apricot, balanced by a rich buttery undertone. The palate is complex and lively, showcasing flavors of green apple, lemon, white peach, and roasted almonds with a notable acidity. The toasted finish is rich and layered, highlighting vanilla and buttery notes.

## **Vintage Notes**

With abundant early-season rain followed by excellent spring and summer weather, the start of the 2022 growing season was nearly ideal. An intense heat wave, followed by cool rains in September, accelerated ripening but allowed the fruit to reach its fullest potential before being carefully harvested. The early harvest produced grapes with complex, concentrated, fruit-forward flavors and balanced acidity.

## **Food Pairings**

Enjoy with aged Gouda or creamy Brie, lobster with lemon butter sauce, pasta carbonara, or roasted herb chicken with butternut squash risotto.

Growing up in Sonoma, we spent a lot of time exploring the local countryside: finding our way through neighboring vineyards owned by old friends and family. I remember the excitement of discovery and freedom while thoroughly studying our small town and its outskirts. I remember old dusty roads that led to forgotten vineyards and properties Gehricke is a tribute to one such road.

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