

KOSTA BROWNE APPELLATION SERIES

2019 One-Sixteen Russian River Valley Chardonnay

A Defining Moment for California Chardonnay

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyards	Ritchie, El Diablo, Bootlegger's Hill, Heintz, Flora Marie, Winner's Circle, Keefer Ranch, Zio Tony
Clones	Hyde, Wente, Montrachet, Robert Young, 95, 548
Trellising	VSP
Soil	Goldridge

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation 78% barrel / 22% foudre

Aging 27% new French oak for 14 months / 22% wood cask for 12 months / 14% new Austrian oak for 14 months
Prior to bottling: 47% stainless steel for 4 months

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.32

TA 6.2 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Gorgeous mélange of quince, green apple, pear, and persimmon balanced by undertones of toast and delicate oak.

Mouth: Pure varietal characteristics with a balanced richness and bright acidity.

FACTS OF NOTE

HARVEST

5 weeks between first and last pick

FERMENTATION

Native fermentation

OAK

New French oak, Austrian oak & wood cask

Celebrating the cool-climate character and complexity of California's most revered winegrowing regions, our 2019 Appellation Series wines showcase what can be achieved from iconic sites in an exceptional vintage. Intricately structured with soaring flavors, this is a vintage not to miss.

The marine influence that follows the Russian River inland from the Pacific coast is a powerful attribute of this region. The fog helps keep nights cool and offers the vines a well-deserved break from daytime temperatures. The collection of famous Chardonnay vineyards that we work with for this wine are located in the coolest parts of the Russian River Valley. Here, fruit can mature gracefully on the vine, which we find offers us more intensely focused flavors.

Individual pressed lots were fermented in barrel or foudres, all 100% native primary and malolactic fermentations, which adds depth and complexity to the finished wine. With brilliant clarity and a bouquet of green apple, pear, and persimmon aromas, this radiant Chardonnay makes a stunning first impression. The palate strikes a lovely balance between richness and bright acidity, with succulent orchard fruit flavors and a kiss of French oak carrying the wine to a long, shimmering finish.

