

LA FOLLETTE



2008

Chardonnay

APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
CLONES	Heritage Chardonnay clone
FERMENTATION	Native yeast in French oak barrels
AGING	Sur lies with bi-weekly, then monthly battonage
ALCOHOL	14.6%
PRODUCTION	100 cases

Lorenzo Vineyard, Russian River Valley

The bouquet is an olfactory feast of ginger, clove, crème brûlée, yellow nectarine and toasted coconut with a drizzle or caramel. The entry, marked by lively acidity, leads to a silky palate of smooth tannins and tremendous depth of flavor. While this bottling has a stronger malolactic signature than our other two Chardonnays, it also benefits from a tension between the fruit, richness, and acid. This wine finishes long with a firm minerality and continues to develop complexity with aeration.

Situated on the Santa Rosa plain, in the cradle of the Russian River Valley, the extraordinary Lorenzo Vineyard was planted in 1974 by John Bazzano and named for his Italian grandfather. This 10-acre site enjoys the cooling fog of the mornings and evenings during the growing season. Our Lorenzo Chardonnay is a true expression of old vine Chardonnay, in all its depth and complexity; our most California-style Chardonnay.

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