



# LA FOLLETTE WINES

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE  
WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2014

## CHARDONNAY

LORENZO VINEYARD

*Russian River Valley/Sonoma County*

### ABOUT

Established in 1974, the Lorenzo Vineyard has some of the earliest plantings of Chardonnay in the Russian River Valley. Situated on the Santa Rosa Plain, in the middle of the Russian River Valley, this 10-acre site is planted entirely to Chardonnay. Lorenzo enjoys the cooling fog of the mornings and evenings during the growing season. The soils contain a high percentage of clay which expresses itself with a distinctive minerality—rain-washed gravel stones—in the wine.

### WINEMAKING

This wine is a true expression of old vine Chardonnay, in all of its depth and complexity. 2014 was La Follette's earliest harvest at Lorenzo Vineyard to date: September 15th. The fruit was picked before dawn and delivered to the press in the early morning. It settled overnight and was transferred to barrel for a native fermentation. The lot was stirred bi-monthly until the end of the year. This single-vineyard offering was allowed extra maturation time, and we bottled the wine unfiltered at the end of January 2016. Extended barrel aging allowed for the flavors to knit together, while the energy of the wine remained.

### TASTING NOTES

An elegant bouquet of lemongrass and flinty freshness with a hint of white pepper. A finely textured entry leads to kumquat, crushed rock and white flower with lifting acidity. Finishes with a firmness that envelops the palate and points to the aging potential of this crystalline, cool climate Chardonnay.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

100% Chardonnay | Heritage Chardonnay clone  
Native yeast fermentation in French oak barrels; aged 16 months in barrel, with 3 months of bâtonnage  
Alc. 14.0% | pH 3.16 | TA 0.65 g/100mL  
181 cases  
Price \$48

