



# LA FOLLETTE WINES

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE  
WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2016

## CHARDONNAY

Boudreaux Vineyard

*Russian River Valley, Sonoma County*

### THE VINEYARD

The Boudreaux Vineyard is planted to the rare Montrachet clone. Homestead of Kristina and Jeff Boudreaux and their two daughters, their Russian River Valley estate encompasses sheep pastures, an olive grove, apple trees and vineyards. Using holistic and biodiverse farming principles gives a pure expression of cool-climate Chardonnay. The site boasts a gentle slope with well-drained soils and excellent exposure. The combination of exposure and clone allow the clusters extended hang time to develop flavors.

### THE VINTAGE

A late bud break protected the vines at Boudreaux Vineyard from early spring frosts. La Follette's rows of Chardonnay ripen last every vintage. The clusters saw extended hang time, unaffected by the heat of the beginning of September, and slowly accumulated sugars and delivered distinct, developed flavors.

### THE WINE

Fresh aromas of green fig, sage and kaffir lime leaf. With air, notes of honeydew and wet stone emerge. On the palate, the satiny texture of the wine creates a pleasing tension against the orchard fruit acidity. Finishes on a firm mineral note that extends to a mouthwatering resolution. A cool climate Chardonnay that is at once delicate and structured.

### WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: September 20, 2016

100% Chardonnay | Côte de Beaune selection (Montrachet)

Fermentation: whole cluster pressed, fermented in barrel, native primary and secondary fermentations, 20% new oak

Alc. 13.9%

