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ARISTA

*Russian River Valley*  
CHARDONNAY  
*Sonoma County, California*



**Wine Spectator**

*"Focused, rich and full of Gala apple and ripe pear flavors, featuring concentrated buttery and oak notes. The finish lingers, revealing hints of nutmeg and allspice."*

– Kim Marcus, August 2020



## ARISTA RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2018

### ABOUT THE WINERY

The core principle of the winemaking philosophy at Arista is to capture and express the true character and potential of each vineyard. They work with a very carefully chosen handful of grand-cru level Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards and are uncompromising in their efforts to maximize the full potential of the wines crafted from these special sites.

### ABOUT THE WINE

The Russian River Valley Chardonnay blend combines old vine plantings – Banfield and Ritchie – with younger plantings – El Diablo and Arista's Westside Road Estate. Ideal growing conditions and unique terroir combine to produce a wine that demonstrates the full potential of the Russian River Valley appellation. The combination of vine age, site, and winemaking produce a profound wine that provides great insight into the vintage and appellation each year.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Appellation wines are treated as Tête-de-Cuvées and feature only blends of single vineyard and estate wines – no de-classified wine or "filler" vineyards used
- 36-acre estate located on famed Westside Road, family owned and operated since 2002
- Since the 2013 vintage, Arista has consistently produced some of the highest rated Chardonnay and Pinot Noir by any producer in California
- Exclusive use of native fermentations allows full expression of the character of each vineyard and vintage in the most pure and transparent manner
- Gentle, gradual, cool, and slow fermentation process takes up to 12 months to complete

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Chardonnay

**Vineyards:** Banfield, Ritchie, El Diablo, Arista Estate Vineyards

**Clones:** Old Wente and Montrachet

**Aging:** 12 months in barrel followed by 6 months in stainless steel



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