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ARISTA

WINERY

ARISTA CHARDONNAY, BANFIELD VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 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.

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The Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay comes from the northern edge of the Green Valley, a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley. This location is ideal for growing Chardonnay due to the cooling influence of coastal fog. This dry farmed vineyard was planted in 1980 to the Wente Selection of Chardonnay, a highly prized selection known for its small, loose clusters and intensely flavored grapes. The 30+ year old vines are rare in the Russian River Valley and produce lower yields per acre. What's lost in tonnage is more than compensated for in flavor and quality.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- The 15-acre Banfield Vineyard was planted in 1990 to Old Wente selection vines
- Located in a protected pocket of the Russian River Valley, resulting in one of the coolest climate sites Arista works with
- 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
- Wines never fined or filtered

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay **Clones:** Wente Selection **Vine Age:** 30+ years
Aging: 12 months fermentation and aging in barrel followed by 6 months in stainless steel tanks



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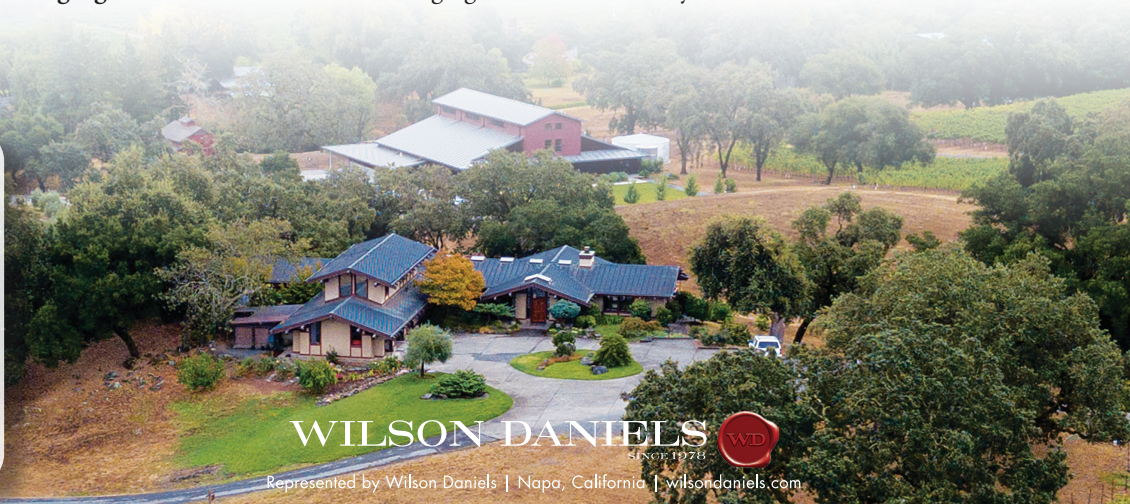
Banfield Vineyard
CHARDONNAY
Russian River Valley

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POINTS

Wine Spectator

"Apple pastry, ripe pear and lemon tart flavors are filled with buttery richness in this white, which is well-knit and creamy midpalate, with a finish that offers a plush, silky texture."

— Kim Marcus, April 2021



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