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ARISTA

WINERY

2018 ARISTA CHARDONNAY, U.V. – EL DIABLO VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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

Ulises Valdez planted the El Diablo Vineyard in 2008. The site is located on the eastern edge of the Russian River Valley Appellation. Each morning, the vineyard is shrouded in fog, but by early afternoon, the marine layer burns off and the vines can soak in several hours of warm sunlight. Careful thought was put into both rootstock and clonal selection for the vineyard. Arista's blocks are planted to the Montrachet and Old Wente selections and are grafted to rootstock 420a. Row spacing is tight at 4x6 which helps to further reduce vigor and encourage competition for nutrients. The result is low yielding vines that produce intense, flavor packed clusters. Though young now, the exceptional potential of this site is already very apparent.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Planted and farmed by Ulises Valdez and currently managed by the Valdez Family who carry on his legacy with passion and meticulous farming practices which show stunning examples of the family's commitment to excellence
- 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 11 months to complete
- Wines never fined or filtered

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Clones: Old Wente and Montrachet **Vine Age:** 13 years old

Aging: 11 months fermentation and aging in 60-gallon French oak barrels followed by aging in stainless-steel



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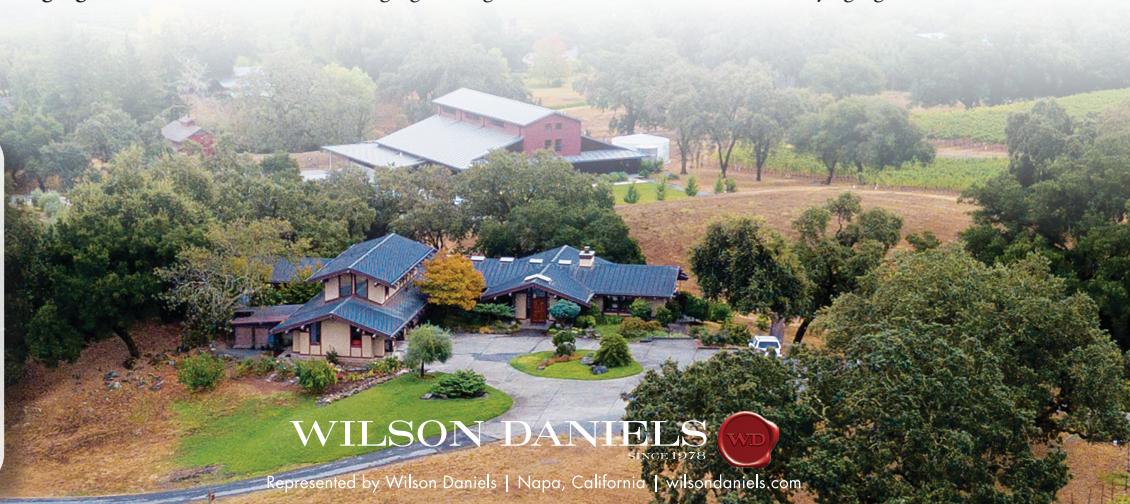
U.V. El Diablo Vineyard
CHARDONNAY
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POINTS

Wine Spectator

"Big, rich and powerful, with concentrated apple and peach pastry flavors that are filled with cooking spice and custardy accents, followed by notes of buttered toast on the finish."

– Kim Marcus, April 2021



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