

2018 GREG NORMAN ESTATES RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER: Bill Nancarrow
REGION: Russian River Valley, California
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 10 months in seasoned French oak and stainless steel
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

REGION: In only a few decades, Sonoma County's Russian River Valley AVA has become one of the worlds most highly regarded areas to grow premium Chardonnay. The region's diverse soils, sea fog influenced microclimates and warm sunny days produces wonderfully expressive fruit with concentrated flavors and high natural acidity.

WINEMAKING: The whole clusters were harvested in the early morning and were immediately pressed and transferred to stainless steel tanks for fermentation. The ferments took place at cool temperatures to preserve the Chardonnay aromatics and fresh flavor profile. The wine was then racked off its lees and a portion was transferred to seasoned French oak barrels where it matured until final blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Intense aromas of ripe citrus and stone fruits are complemented by soft vanilla and cashew notes. The voluptuous palate reveals layers of sweet yellow fruit, crisp Gravenstein apple and meringue flavors that are balanced by a refreshing line of acidity through the long-lasting finish.

ABOUT GREG NORMAN ESTATES: Greg Norman, known as much for his entrepreneurial spirit in the boardroom as his dominance on the golf course, is arguably the most successful athlete-turned-businessman. His unyielding approach to both golf and life earned him the nickname, The Great White Shark. Created from a family passion and strengthened by determination, Greg Norman Estates, founded in 1996, is a collection of fine wines sourced from stunning wine regions in California, New Zealand, and Greg's homeland of Australia. The selected growing regions are appreciated for the incredible wines they produce and the personal influence they have had on the Norman family over Greg's many years professionally touring the world. A strong believer in the role of wine as part of an active, easygoing lifestyle, Greg's aim is to produce approachable yet bold wines to be enjoyed by family, fans and wine enthusiasts alike.

