

2022 Kanzler Vineyards

Chardonnay Walker Station

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WINEMAKER: Alex Kanzler
REGION: Russian River Valley, California
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 12 months on French oak barrels. One month stainless steel
ALCOHOL: 14.4% alc/vol | pH: 3.57

REGION: The Kanzler Family leases and farm tiny Walker Station Vineyard on an east-facing slope in the Green Valley region of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. One acre of Montrachet clone enjoys sandy Goldridge soil and a cooling Pacific Ocean influence. Owner Harry Walker is a lifelong farmer with a keen eye for location.

WINEMAKING: Handmade by winemaker Alex Kanzler. The Chardonnay was hand-picked and field-sorted at night. Whole clusters were pressed with a slow, gentle cycle designed for champagne grapes. A balanced oak profile was accomplished with large puncheon barrels for restrained oak contact and less oxygen exposure. The Chardonnay was left unfiltered to bring flavors and textures even closer to the vineyard.

TASTING NOTES: Displaying aromas of orange blossom, lemon oil, and green apple with flavors of lime zest, kumquat, and almond. Fermenting the wine in 500 liter French Oak barrels provides richness and mineral characteristics. The Kanzlers farm just under 1 acre of Chardonnay at the Walker Station Vineyard.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts/Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT KANZLER VINEYARDS: Kanzler Vineyards is a small family-owned winery that produces intensely exquisite Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. Steve and Lynda Kanzler were one of the first to plant grapes in the Sebastopol Hills in western Sonoma County on a former apple orchard situated 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Their first harvest was in 2000 and they initially sold grapes to wineries including notable names such as Kosta Browne, Landmark, Flowers and Gary Farrell - most of whom remain loyal customers for the coveted Kanzler Pinot Noir. The family has evolved from grape farmers to winemakers. Second-generation vintner Alex Kanzler gained valuable winemaking experience in Sonoma County, Willamette Valley and New Zealand wineries before joining Kanzler Vineyards full-time in 2011 as Winemaker. Alex and his wife Breana now run the small family business.

