

La Storia

CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2022



WINEMAKER NOTES

According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, the year 2022 was the driest year to date in the last 128 years. Here at Trentadue we started the practice of “water deficit Irrigation” nine years ago and because of that and other vineyard management techniques our vines faired relatively well even during the heat wave in September. The good news is that we did not have fires in Sonoma County and the quality was very high across all varieties with notably smaller berry and cluster sizes, packing a stellar quality 2022 vintage. The yields, as one may suspect, were down about 18% compared to 10-year average with Zinfandel down almost 35%.

The grapes for the 2022 La Storia Chardonnay were sourced from two new for us old and established Russian River vineyards. The crop yields were very low this year with small berries and clusters providing great concentration of aromas and flavors. Each vineyard was hand-picked early in the morning at the lowest temperature possible in small ½ t bins. We pressed the fruit directly without destemming for preserving more of the delicate aromas. The two vineyard lots were harvested at different times and barrel fermented separately using three different types of yeast each with partial malolactic fermentation to preserve the fruit expression of the grapes and to keep more of the natural acidity and freshness. The lees on the bottom of the barrels was stirred twice per month for increased mouthfeel and viscosity. Prior bottling the two lots were blended. Our 2022 Chardonnay is typical for the variety and the style with aromas of tropical fruits, ripe apples, peaches, and apricots. Further aeration reveals deeper aromas of toast with a touch of caramel and ripe Mayer lemons meringue and a bit of minerality. The mouth feel is generous and rich, with tamed acidity and long and round finish.

Drink now, through 2029.

Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES


MIRO TCHOLAKOV

VARIETAL 100%
Chardonnay

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER
Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION
1,168 Cases

BOTTLED
May 23, 2023

RELEASE DATE
July, 2023

ALCOHOL 14.2%

AGING
100% Barrel fermented in
28% New French Oak for
7 months

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.44%

pH
3.64

TOTAL ACID
0.60 g/100ml