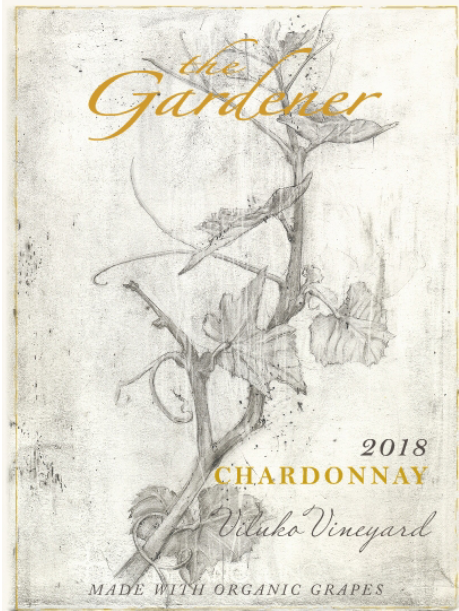




The Gardener 2018 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley



ANALYSIS

Varietal Composition: *100% Chardonnay*

Vineyard: *Viluko Vineyard*

Appellation: *Sonoma County*

Farming: *Certified Organic by CCOF*

Harvest Date: *9/10/2018*

Harvest Brix: *24.2 Brix*

Winemakers: *Chris Condos & Suzanne Hagins*

Barrels: *100% French Oak Barrels, 25% new*

Alcohol: *13.7%*

TA: *5.9/L*

pH: *3.59*

ML: *80%*

Production: *250 Cases*

This Chardonnay comes from Viluko Vineyard located 1000 feet along the Mayacamas Mountains in Sonoma County. It was hand-picked, whole cluster pressed and fermented with native yeasts in French Oak barrels. We stirred the lees throughout malo-lactic fermentation and aged the wine for 9 months sur-lee. 250 cases were produced. Our Chardonnay has bright acidity and ripe notes of pear and Gravenstein apple. Slightly nutty and floral, it pairs well with a variety of fish and poultry.

the GARDENER wines are part of HORSE & PLOW, and are elegant expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from coastal, Sonoma County vineyards. We use the finest grapes and traditional techniques to coax a sense of place, while striving for balance and finesse. Native yeasts & malolactic fermentations, extended lees contact, exceptional cooperage and minimal handling are some of the methods used to craft these very limited and memorable wines.

Chris Condos and Suzanne Hagins started Horse & Plow in 2008 making only 600 cases of wine. Chris is also co-owner of Vinum Cellars, which he started in 1997, as well as the winemaker for Kathryn Kennedy Winery. Suzanne's first harvest was in 1998 at Comte Armand in Pommard, with California experience at David Bruce and Goldeneye. She is also the owner and winemaker for Lutea Pinot Noir. Together, they combine their knowledge and passion to produce world class wines from organically grown grapes.

