

# LA CREMA®



## SARALEE'S VINEYARD

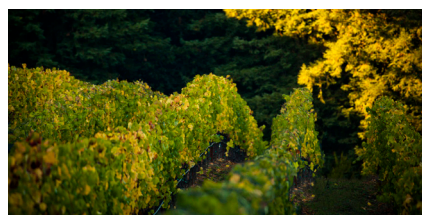
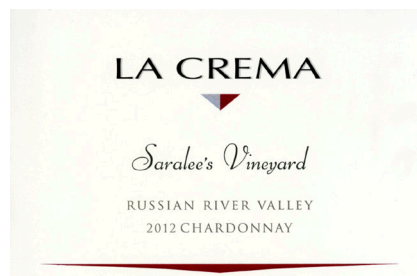
2012

# Chardonnay

### **Loveable. Harmonious. Artisanal.**

*"Meyer LEMON, baking spices and VANILLA in the nose. Caramel APPLE, yellow plum and white PEACH in the mouth. Beautifully BALANCED acidity with a ROUND mouthfeel."*

ELIZABETH GRANT-DOUGLAS,  
WINEMAKER



### THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley  
Composition: 100% Chardonnay  
Type of Oak: 99% French oak;  
33% new  
Time in Barrel: 9 months  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
T.A.: 0.59g / 100mL  
pH: 3.69

Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions — passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

### A REMARKABLE PLACE

At the heart of the Russian River Valley sits a majestic vineyard honoring the late Saralee Kunde, one of the region's most beloved and respected wine-growing visionaries. Atop rolling vineyards, awash in rustic charm and dotted with flower gardens and oak groves, it's truly storybook. And the fruit? Magical.

***It's one of the world's best cool-climate appellations.  
It's a place for La Crema.***

### EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

A cool climate means grapes spend more time on the vine. That allows a deeper, more dramatic spectrum of flavors and aromas to develop. And that creates decidedly rich and layered wines.

Ask most growers and winemakers and they'll tell you that 2012 conditions were ideal. Grapes ripened slowly, with more time to develop the concentration and lush fruit that only comes with longer hang time. Harvest was October 4th and 5th — handpicked, then gentle 100% whole-cluster pressed.

### ARTISAN WINEMAKING

***Our boutique, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.***

The juice was racked — just once — after a night of settling. It was then 100 percent barrel-fermented, with full malolactic fermentation, sur lie aging and hand-stirring for enhanced richness.

It's no surprise that the resulting wine is as charming as the place it comes from. Balanced, elegant, earthy and distinct.

***The singular beauty of Saralee's Vineyard in every sip.***