



NINE BARREL

2015

Chardonnay

Rich. Textured. Refined.

“On the nose, baked pear, NECTARINE, toasted hazelnut and CRÈME BRÛLÉE. On the palate, yellow apple and plum, SHORTBREAD and nougat. Richly textured and concentrated with BALANCED ACIDITY and a subtle toast.”

CRAIG McALLISTER,
WINEMAKER



THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley
Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Type of Oak: 100% French oak;
45% new
Time in Barrel: 17 months
Alcohol: 14.5%
T.A.: 0.59g / 100mL
pH: 3.39

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

Picture a meandering river. Tall redwoods rise from its banks. Thick fog snakes along it, up from the ocean into nooks and crannies lush with forests, farms, and rolling vineyards. Small communities dot the riverside, home to artisans and farmers who work the land. This is the Russian River Valley, the heart—and soul—of the Sonoma Coast.

***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.

Warm winter temperatures led to early bud break in February and March of 2015, but cooler than average temperatures in May delayed and impacted bloom, resulting in lower yields than the previous three years. Veraison was early and a warm, dry summer drove ripening for one of the earliest harvests on record in the Russian River Valley. For La Crema, the Chardonnay harvest began on August 20th, 2015.

ARTISAN WINEMAKING

Our small-batch, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.

Our nine favorite barrels from five of our favorite vineyards come together to create this wine, which includes clones 4, 5, 76 and 96. The estate portion came from our Kelli Ann Vineyard, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley. The blocks and clones were kept separate until final blending to allow the greatest range of expression.

The soulful, spirited Russian River Valley in every sip.