



## NINE BARREL

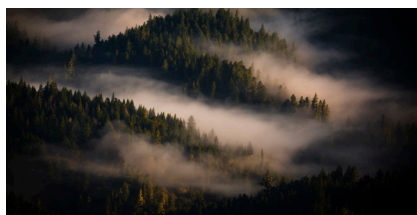
2014

# 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;  
 30% new  
 Time in Barrel: 10 months  
 Alcohol: 14.3%  
 T.A.: 0.54g / 100mL  
 pH: 3.50

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.

Conditions for the 2014 harvest were once again near ideal. As a result of a mild winter and warm spring, the Chardonnay harvest began roughly a week earlier than normal. Throughout harvest the weather continued to cooperate beautifully allowing the grapes ample sunshine to achieve optimal ripeness and flavor development while the cooling breezes maintained the vibrant acidity. Harvest was September 2 – October 10 – with hand-picking during the night and cool days followed by gentle destemming.

### 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.***