

2020 Chardonnay, Laceroni Vineyard, Russian River

Case Production: 245 / **SRP:** \$75.00

Laceroni vineyard is nestled deep in the southwestern part of the Russian River Valley close to the town of Graton. The 45 acre vineyard was planted in the early and mid-2000's. The cool climate and the typical Goldridge soil give this wine its character. Soft rolling hills, protected from direct sunlight, allow for slow ripening. This Chardonnay, meticulously farmed on a great site has it all: good structure, nice fruit profile, great balance and layers.

Closest Town: Graton
AVA: Russian River
Varietal: Chardonnay
Planted: Mid-2000s
Clone(s): Dijon 95

Rootstock: 3309
Soil Type: Goldridge
Aspect: Slightly Western Facing
Row Orientation: East/West

The Vintage

2020 was one of our most difficult vintages in the last decade. Winter rainfall was low, 14 inches compared to the normal of 24 inches. These drought conditions and constant temperature fluctuations caused a lower than normal set, resulting in lighter yields. Extreme heat in the middle to late August caused lightning storms which started fires in most of northern California. The heat impact was lessened by the higher than normal humidity. Our harvest started early September. We were picked in a few days, which was the right decision. Hang time was not desired this year because of the smoke. The wines were bottled in early March, allowing them to age in barrel for 17 months. Normally, I say that a vintage is a story in a bottle, however, the 20's do not expose all of the hardships of this year. The 2020 vintage wines are very approachable now, with soft tannins and delicious fruit. I feel very grateful that we were able to come out of this year with beautiful wines that we are proud to share. –Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2020
Harvest Date: August 28th
Harvest Brix: 23
Harvest pH: 3.33
Harvest TA: 6.5
100% Whole Cluster Pressed
Fermentation and aging: Barrel fermented

Barrel Program: 41.7% New French Oak: Sirugue, Damy
Bottling Date: March 2022
Bottling % Alcohol: 13.8
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Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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