



GARY FARRELL

Winemaker Theresa Heredia (pictured right) is a pioneer of cool-climate viticulture in Sonoma; she has been with the estate since 2012.



Gary Farrell Olivet Lane Chardonnay 2021

Russian River Valley, California

ESTATE

For over 37 years, Gary Farrell Winery has crafted small-lot artisan wines capturing balance and stylistic elegance from some of the finest vineyard sites in the Russian River Valley. In 1985, Winemaker Gary Farrell released his 55 cases of 1982 Rochioli-Allen Pinot Noir to widespread critical acclaim. Since that release, the team at Gary Farrell Winery has consistently focused on rigorous vineyard selection, outstanding grower relationships, and superior quality fruit. For the past 8 years, the current owners have been dedicated to enhancing Gary Farrell's legacy with a single-minded focus on quality.

WINE

The Olivet Lane Vineyard is consistently a benchmark for Chardonnay in Russian River Valley, and the 2018 delivers without fail. An always welcome nose of Meyer lemon, crisp apple and Satsuma mandarin fill the glass alongside the intoxicating aroma of freshly baked butter cookies. The palate is equally as generous, offering layers of lemon cream, coriander, brioche and flaky puff pastry, and the supple, lengthy finish leaves nothing to be desired.

VINEYARD

Pellegrini's Olivet Lane Vineyard was planted in 1975 to Wente selection on AXR rootstock. The vineyard sits on 65 acres of sloping benchland in the Santa Rosa Plain, in between the warmer Westside Road region and the cooler Green Valley, where warm summer days are moderated by cool breezes and chilly evening temperatures.

WINEMAKING

Harvest: Fruit is picked at slightly lower sugar levels in order to capture more varietal character, natural acidity and site specificity

Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Aging: 10 Months, French Oak (35% new)

Alcohol: 13.2%

VINTAGE

2021 was a drought year, contributing to light but balanced yields. The summer allowed for consistent ripening, without heat spikes. From July until harvest, the weather was perfectly moderate resulting in excellent hang time.

TASTING NOTES

"Enticingly complex aromas of lemon zest, white nectarine, lemongrass, and baked pear tart. The palate is at once juicy and tangy, with an unctuous texture contrasted with verve and minerality. This incredibly concentrated and energetic Chardonnay finishes with a silky, mouthcoating creamy texture that lingers with enduring length."

- Theresa Heredia Director of Winemaking