



RUSSELL

FAMILY VINEYARD

2019 Chardonnay Russell Family Reserve

APPELLATION

Paso Robles Westside, Willow Creek Area

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Chardonnay

SOIL

The vineyard is located on a very steep (40%) south facing slope of our reserve vineyard on Live Oak Road. The soil is a blend of Calcareous, clay, and sand, with 21% to 42% free Limestone which creates complexity and aging capacity.

VINEYARD

The vines are very close spaced, around 2240 vines per acre. Very clean vertical shoot position on extremely steep south slope allows for best exposure for optimum ripening. Very low yield, at only 1-2 tons per acre.

VINIFICATION

Aged in 100% New French Oak *Damy* Barrels, 100% malolactic fermentation and 100% sur lies. The barrels are stirred (Battonage) weekly to give the wine a creamy richness.

ALCOHOL

14.2%

CASES PRODUCED

135

TASTING

This is our best Reserve Chardonnay and very limited! It is big, rich, full-bodied and round. Loaded with lots of apple, vanilla and oak. Aged 11 months in 100% new *Damy* barrels. This wine is Joanne Russell's favorite white wine and bears her signature.

