
KELTOM ROOTS

2019 Unoaked Chardonnay

Vineyard: Irwin Lane

- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Grower: Jim Pratt
- Varietal: Chardonnay (100%)
- Clone: 72
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Planted: 2009
- Harvest Date: September 4th
- Training: Bilateral cane, VSP

Winemaking:

- Whole cluster pressed, cold
- Fermented using indigenous yeast in stainless steel tank
- Aged in stainless steel barrels on lees for 8 months
- Partial malolactic fermentation, using indigenous malolactic culture
- 130 cases produced

Notes:

In this first bottling of Russian River Valley Unoaked Chardonnay, the color in glass shines of pale straw with a slight green glint. Aromas of early Meyer lemon, citrus blossoms, bees wax, untoasted brioche, and lemongrass fill the glass. Balanced acidity, surprising concentration, and elegant palate of flint, white peach, and kumquat.

Vintage:

2019 was an excellent vintage to launch Keltom Roots' inaugural release. Troublesome early rainfall caused flooding in some areas closer to the Russian River. Warming temperatures led to a very succinct bloom period, and excellent fruit set. Warm weather continued throughout the year with several minor heat events. Harvest arrived gently, allowing for ideal acidity retention and expressive maturity.

