



## 2021 CHARDONNAY ANDERSON VALLEY ESTATE FELIZ

**ESTATE:** Anderson Valley Estate

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 886 (6/750ml)

**SOIL TYPE:** Feliz Loam

**BLOCKS:** 19 & 20

**PRESS PROGRAM:** 3.5 hours customized slow pressing up to 1.1 bars

**CLONES:** 95 & 96

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Small berries, concentrated fruit, balanced acidity, vibrancy

**VITICULTURE:** Organically farmed using deficit irrigation

### **FERMENTATION:**

- Primary fermentation starts in stainless steel for 1-4 days
- French oak barrels for 3-5 weeks
- Secondary malolactic fermentation

### **ELEVAGE:**

- Minimal intervention
- 21 months in French oak, 30% new
- Filtration: Gently filtered before bottling

### **WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:**

"Pale yellow green in color. The nose is delicate and vibrant and dancing between floral (jasmine, honeysuckle), just ripe white fruit (apricot, pear), and gentle spice notes (clove). It is saline and vivacious. The palate combines freshness and density with an impression of weightlessness and outstanding precision. The wine leaves you with penetrating flavors of grapefruit zest and salinity that last forever. Grace in the glass."

– Stéphane Vivier

### **VINTAGE NOTES:**

2021 will be remembered as an extreme vintage and certainly considered as one of the best of recent memories. Pronounced drought conditions resulting in lower yields were combined with mild Spring and Summer conditions. It allowed the fruit to ripened slowly and the dry weather provided unique concentration of aromas and flavors, all the while keeping the acidities high. Perfectly balanced the wines are a true glimpse of this unique vintage, concentrated and lively at the same time.

### **LONG MEADOW RANCH:**

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.