



# Wicket

VINTAGE 2023 · RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY · CHARDONNAY

Since 1984, we are the only winery in the world to boast two professional croquet courts. Our Wicket Wine series is dedicated to those who cherish the game as much as we do, offering the perfect wines to enjoy whether you're watching from the sidelines, engaging in a friendly game, or competing in serious match.

## VINTAGE OBSERVATIONS

The 2023 harvest for Sonoma-Cutrer, starting later than usual, and benefited from record winter rains that revitalized the soils and promoted healthy vine growth. Cooler spring and summer temperatures allowed for gradual grape development and extended ripening, ensuring optimal maturity. As October brought warm, dry weather, the grapes reached perfect ripeness. This combination of ample water, cool growing conditions, and a warm finish resulted in a 2023 vintage with exceptional balance, complexity, and depth of flavor.

## WINEMAKING PROCESS

Grapes were hand-harvested in the cool early mornings to preserve their fresh flavors and natural acidity. After careful hand sorting, the grapes were whole cluster pressed to avoid extracting bitter tannins from the skins and seeds. The cool, golden-green free-run juice was allowed to settle naturally in tanks for a few days before being transferred to a mix of French oak barrels and stainless steel for fermentation.

## TASTING NOTES

Crafted from select Chardonnay clones, including a floral clone that enhances its most delicate aromatics, this wine opens with elegant notes of honeysuckle, apple blossom and citrus, complemented by tropical mango and a hint of anise. On the palate, vibrant flavors of pineapple, apricot and orange zest create a dynamic profile, balanced by a rich texture and lively acidity. A touch of crystallized ginger adds depth and complexity, enhancing the wine's refreshingly pleasant finish.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% CHARDONNAY

**FERMENTATION:** 100% MALOLACTIC

**BARREL AGING:** AGED FOR 10 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK

**KEY COOPERS:** REMOND, ROUSSEAU, TW BOSWELL

**ALCOHOL:** 13.9% · **TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.2 G/L · **PH:** 3.40

