



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ESTATE BOTTLED \* DELLA'S BLOCK  
**CHARDONNAY**  
v.2016



**VINEYARDS:** Located just south of the town of Healdsburg, Foppiano Vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed appellation of the Russian River Valley. The grapes used to make Della's Block are grown in the coolest part of the Foppiano Estate. Chardonnay benefits from chilled nights and mornings. These grapes come from a small 1.53-acre block located right next to the Russian River. Planted in 1980, these older low yielding vines produce exceptionally high-quality fruit.

**WINEMAKING:** The ripe clusters are harvested and ferried to the winery in ½ ton bins where the juice is pressed directly into a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels. Each barrel is stirred during fermentation to enhance body and mouth feel and to encourage a healthy fermentation. After primary fermentation we do not stir the lees. The wine goes through its malolactic fermentation slowly and without inoculation.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2016 Della's Block truly captures the essence of a Russian River Valley Chardonnay. This wine expresses vivid aromas of ripe mango and apricot and peach crisp. The palate is balanced nicely with classic barrel fermented flavors of cinnamon spice zest and a richly textured mid palate. The finish is reminiscent of traditional peaches and cream.

**HARVEST DATES** SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% **pH** 3.58

**TA** 6.02 g/L

**CELLARING** 14 MO. 75% NEW FRENCH OAK

**BOTTLED** JANUARY 2018

**CASES PRODUCED** 99

**SRP** \$37

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