

## 2020 Pratt Vine Hill Chardonnay

This beautiful vineyard in the Laguna Ridge neighborhood of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley has soils that remind one of a moonscape. It has some of the whitest soil in the region; it is very sandy, broken down Goldridge soil. The Chardonnay clones planted are known as Mt Eden, Robert Young and clone 70 (also known as Dijon 96). The 2020 Pratt Vine Hill Chardonnay is the first from this vineyard and the fruit has been coveted by Inman since she began making Pinot Noir from this vineyard in 2013.

Inman began making a leaner more elegant Chardonnay in 2008 after a personal challenge from her husband to see if she could create a Russian River Valley wine with bright acidity, little or no tropical fruit flavors, and a creamy texture from malolactic fermentation without the butteriness so often found in 100% MLF Chardonnays – basically something more akin to his favorite Montrachets and Chablis.

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Fruit Source: Pratt Vine Hill Vineyard

## **Tasting Notes**

Color: Straw

Aroma: Lemon, lime, Fuji apple, nutmeg, and a hint of toasted hazelnuts
Flavors: Juicy crisp apples, lime juice and zest, pear and lemon peel accompany delicate
secondary notes of toasted nuts, kefir lime and minerals. It has a rich texture with a crisp
finish and plenty of acidity, rich mouthfeel and a long finish.

## Winemaker Notes

A combination of 50% new air-dried Vosges Oak barrels from Cadus and 50% small stainless steel barrels were used as fermentation vessels. The wine was left to ferment using native yeast, and completed malolactic fermentation in all barrels using only native bacteria. Each barrel was stirred weekly until malolactic was complete and monthly thereafter. The wine remained on its gross lees throughout the aging process and was bottled under Stelvin closure without filtration or fining.

Case Production: 104

VINTAGE 2020

VARIETAL Chardonnay

HARVEST DATE September 2020

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AGING 50% small stainless-steel Barrels 50% French Oak Barrels (100% New)

BOTTLING DATES
July 2021

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 

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ALCOHOL 13.5%

