

**CUVAISON, 2017 ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY, LOS CARNEROS, \$280 (\$35) ★★★★★**

An elegant Chardonnay: full bodied, round, and balanced, it has moderately intense pear, apple, lime, candied lemon, and toasty oak aromas/flavors, and a long finish. Excellent; can be aged a bit. Aged 11 months in French oak barrels, 25% new. Full ML. 14.1% [2021-2023] 707.942.6266

**DUCKHORN VINEYARDS, 2017 NAPA VALLEY, \$300 (\$37.50) ★★★★★+**

A complex Chardonnay of excellent quality. It is full bodied and supple, with good depth of flavor (white peach, candied lemon, pineapple, vanilla, toasty oak), fine balance, and a very long finish. Great value. Aged 10 months: 90% in French oak barrels (40% new) and 10% in stainless steel. 40% ML. 14.1% [2020-2023] 707.963.7108

**ETUDE WINES, 2017 GRACE BENOIST RANCH, CARNEROS, \$296 (\$37) ★★★★★+**

An elegant Chardonnay, in a crisp, complex style. It is full bodied, moderately intense in flavor, well balanced, and vibrant on the finish, tasting of apple, pear, candied lemon, roasted nut, and toast. Can be aged further. Excellent value. Aged 10 months in French oak barrels. 1,137 cases. 13.5% [2021-2023] 707.257.5300

**FOPPIANO VINEYARDS, 2017 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, \$200 (\$25) ★★★★★**

Fine Chardonnay at the price. It is round, full bodied, and crisp, with light oakiness, good balance, and a medium long finish, tasting of pear, lime, candied lemon, pineapple, and toasty oak. 100% Chardonnay. Aged 8 months in French oak barrels, 28% new. 48% ML. 940 cases. 14.3% [2020-2022] 707.433.7272

**FORT ROSS VINEYARD & WINERY, 2017 'SEA SLOPES', SONOMA COAST, \$240 (\$30) ★★★★★**

Screw cap. A complex, elegant Chardonnay tasting much like a classic method Chardonnay sparkling wine: it has pear, roasted nut, honey, and candied lemon aromas/flavors, good balance, and a long finish. Excellent value. Aged 10 months in French oak barrels and in stainless steel. 4,445 cases. 13.5% [2020-2021] 707.847.3460

**LAFOND VINEYARDS, 2017 'SRH', STA. RITA HILLS, \$200 (\$25) ★★★★★**

Excellent. A supple, full bodied, complex Chardonnay that has good depth and flavor (peach, pineapple, roasted nut, candied lemon, toasty oak), and a very persistent finish. 14.4% [2020-2022]

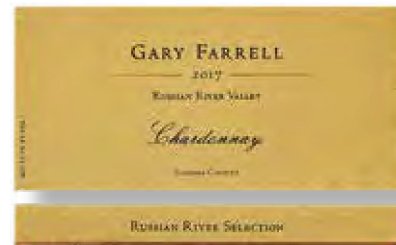
**MacROSTIE WINERY & VINEYARDS, 2018 SONOMA COAST, \$216 (\$27) ★★★★★+**

Screw cap. A full bodied, crisp Sonoma Coast Chardonnay of very good quality. It is round, delicately flavored (pineapple, white peach, lime, toast, roasted nut), balanced, and lingering on the finish. Very good value; will develop with modest aging. 84% fermented in French oak barrels, 18% new; 16% in stainless steel. Partial ML. 30,000 cases. 14.5% [2020-2021] 707.996.4480

**METZ ROAD, 2017 RIVERVIEW VINEYARD, MONTEREY, \$120/6 (\$30) ★★★★★**

Very fine Chardonnay: quite rich and complex in aroma/flavor, it is fleshy in texture, balanced, and smooth and long on the finish, tasting of pineapple, white peach, lemon peel, vanilla, toasty oak, and roasted nut. Fine value. Aged 14 months in French oak barrels, 92% new. Clones: 4, 96, 78. 1,079 cases. 14.5% [2020-2022] 888.772.4343

**GARY FARRELL**



**GARY FARRELL, 2017 RUSSIAN RIVER SELECTION, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, \$316 (\$39.50) ★★★★★**

Exceptional RRV Chardonnay. It is refined in character, supple and well balanced, lightly oaked, and very long on the finish, tasting of pear, lime, candied lemon, white peach, pineapple, roasted nut, green tea, and toasty oak. Great value. Aged 9 months in French oak barrels, 35% new. 5,235 cases. 13.7% [2020-2022] 707.473.2900