

TRIONE

Vineyards & Winery



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2016 Russian River Valley Chardonnay

Once again Mother Nature has provided Sonoma County another vintage year for growers and winemakers. 2016 was by many measures a perfect year to grow grapes. The season started early as did the previous year. The crop was slightly larger than 2015 and of excellent quality. It was an early harvest season, beginning mid-August and finishing up by the end of September. Another record year here at Trione Vineyards and Winery.

Cases produced: 997

Winemaking: Time honored, traditional and hand crafted are the words I use to describe my winemaking style. This Chardonnay is selected, row by row, bunch by bunch in our Russian River Ranch vineyard. The grapes are processed as they have been since the development of the wine press. The whole bunches of grapes are placed into the press and gently squeezed to extract the juice. The juice is then cold settled with no additions made. After 24-36 hours of cold settling the juice is transferred to 100% French oak barrels in which 35-45% are new. The remaining 60-65 % of the barrels are one and two years old. A special mix of the previous vintage's lees is added to the juice as well as a selection of new yeast; a Bourgogne strain called CY3079.

Alcohol: 14.8 percent by volume

TA: 6.20 g/l

pH: 3.44

Tasting Notes A warm summer breeze is the first impression of this wine. Bottled sunshine, relaxed and inviting. The nose is rich and complex with hints of clove, mandarin rind and toasty baguette crumbs, with a silky smooth body and finish. This Chardonnay has all the components for aging gracefully for the next 7-10 years.

*"Three generations, four decades, five ranches.
Our family is deeply rooted in Sonoma County."*

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