

2019 ILARIA

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

CHARDONNAY

The 2019 Iliaria Russian River Valley Chardonnay showcases gorgeous aromas of pear, ripe melon, juicy peach, guava and passion fruit. Exquisite layers of spring flowers, marzipan, crème brûlée, beeswax and sea spray continue to unfold on the seductive complex nose. This wine exhibits extraordinary textural finesse. The saline notes and vibrant acidity balance the luxurious creaminess on the palate. This savory multi-faceted wine ends with a decadent and compelling finish.

92 POINTS – JEB DUNNUCK

Made by Anna Monticelli and brought up in 50% new French oak, the 2019 Chardonnay Russian River Valley sports a lively golden hue as well as classic Russian River notes of caramelized orchard fruits, honeyed orange, baking spice, and toasted bread. This rich, nicely textured, medium-bodied effort brings lots of fruit yet stays lively, pure, and clean, with outstanding length. It should keep for 2-4 years. 7/22/2021

90 POINTS – THE WINE ADVOCATE (Lisa Perrotti-Brown)

The 2019 Chardonnay delivers intense scents of peach preserves, apple pie and ginger with touches of cashews and honeycomb. Medium to full-bodied, it has a lovely silky texture and bags of stone fruit-inspired flavors, finishing on a lingering spicy note. 10/29/21

VARIETAL	<i>Chardonnay</i>
REGION	<i>Russian River Valley AVA</i>
SOIL	<i>Fine sandy loam surface soil Fractured sandstone subsoil</i>
FARMING	<i>Sustainable</i>
FERMENTATION	<i>100% barrel fermented 100% malolactic fermentation</i>
OAK	<i>100% barrel aged 50% new oak</i>
AGING	<i>16 months in barrel</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>14.5%</i>

