2016 Sonoma County
Nancie Chardonnay

The 2016 Nancie Chardonnay is our take on cool-climate, timeless Chardonnay. We love the way Nancie captures classic qualities of Chardonnay while exhibiting special qualities of each of the unusual sites we source from. The blend includes fruit from our estate, Obsidian Vineyard, yet the core of the wine is from the original Nancie site of of Farina Vineyard in Bennett Valley and, on the opposite site of the county, fruit from he 45-year old vines of Lazy W Ranch in the Russian River. Together with the Obsidian Vineyard fruit and a small inclusion from Barbed Oak Vineyard, this blend is complex and elegant in a way we never cease to appreciate.

The assemblage of this wine changes every vintage, and begins in our minds during fermentation. There is no recipe; rather, we allow our palates to guide our decisions about malolactic fermentation, stirring the lees, or which barrel coopers to use as each piece of the puzzle comes into view. The result is a mix of lots that have received different treatments – partial malolactic fermentation, selective lees stirring, and a symphony of flavors and aromatics.

People who enjoy old word styling will appreciate 2016 wines. It's a classical vintage in that it has perfect balance between fruit, tannin, and acid. The 2016 Nancie is demuir, nuanced, and elegant. The glass radiates with tangerine mist, jasmine fields, and stone fruit marmalade. The palate is chalky with minerality and textured with dried apricot. The energy is absolutely there and screaming for fresh food like Sashimi. Nearly 11 months in barrel allow for mid-palate richness to integrate seamlessly with the freshness that we often attribute to Clone 4 Chardonnay from Farina and Lazy W Vineyard. The minerality that we cherish from this vintage and our white winemaking in general extends the finish and lifts the palate.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak	**Composition**
20%	100% Chardonnay
Barrel Aging	**Alcohol**
11 months	14.1%
Bottling Date	**Production**
August 10, 2017	599 cases