



# GARY FARRELL

Winemaker Theresa Heredia (pictured right) is a pioneer of cool-climate viticulture in Sonoma; she has been with the estate since 2012.



## Gary Farrell Olivet Lane Chardonnay 2017

Russian River Valley, California

### ESTATE

For over 37 years, Gary Farrell Winery has crafted small-lot artisan wines capturing balance and stylistic elegance from some of the finest vineyard sites in the Russian River Valley. In 1985, Winemaker Gary Farrell released his 55 cases of 1982 Rochioli-Allen Pinot Noir to widespread critical acclaim. Since that release, the team at Gary Farrell Winery has consistently focused on rigorous vineyard selection, outstanding grower relationships, and superior quality fruit. For the past 8 years, the current owners have been dedicated to enhancing Gary Farrell's legacy with a single-minded focus on quality.

### WINE

The Olivet Lane Vineyard is consistently a benchmark for Chardonnay in Russian River Valley, and the 2016 delivers without fail. An always welcome nose of Meyer lemon, crisp apple and Satsuma mandarin fill the glass alongside the intoxicating aroma of freshly baked butter cookies. The palate is equally as generous, offering layers of lemon cream, coriander, brioche and flaky puff pastry, and the supple, lengthy finish leaves nothing to be desired.

### VINEYARD

Pellegrini's Olivet Lane Vineyard was planted in 1975 to Wente selection on AXR rootstock. The vineyard sits on 65 acres of sloping benchland in the Santa Rosa Plain, in between the warmer Westside Road region and the cooler Green Valley, where warm summer days are moderated by cool breezes and chilly evening temperatures.

### WINEMAKING

*Harvest:* Fruit is picked at slightly lower sugar levels in order to capture more varietal character, natural acidity and site specificity

*Variety:* 100% Chardonnay

*Aging:* 9 Months, French Oak (35% new)

*Alcohol:* 13.4%

### VINTAGE

2017 saw a severe heat wave at the end of August, which threatened already above-average brix levels. It is a true testament to thoughtful winemaking, though, that even during a temultuous vintage, early morning harvesting and multiple passes through the vineyards resulted in vibrant, delicious and truly expressive wines.

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"Bright, focused and fresh, this wine is defined by its lifted acidity and elongated texture. Apple, pear and nutmeg go along for the ride, punctuating the concentrated fruit core while honeysuckle lingers on the finish." -V.B. 6/2020

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