

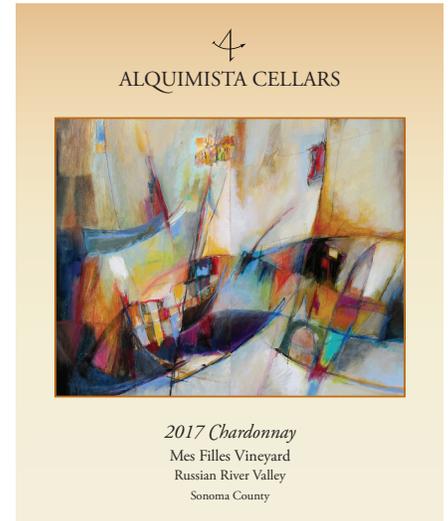


ALQUIMISTA CELLARS

2017 Mes Filles Vineyard Chardonnay - Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

The Mes Filles Vineyard, owned by David Gensler and originally planted by Rick & Diane DuNah, has been designated as one of California's "Grand Cru" vineyards. Planted on a hill that over 100 years ago was recognized as one of the best apple orchards in Sebastopol's Gravenstein country, this is the last vineyard in the southwest corner of the Russian River Valley.

TASTING NOTES – The cool maritime influence is evident in this coastal classic. Mineral-driven, the fruit flavors are of white pineapple, Bosque pear and yes, Gravenstein apples. Great acidity gives a firm backbone, balanced by the fruit flavors and a gentle kiss of French oak.



Label artwork by Carole Rae Watanabe
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Technical Data

- **Vineyards:** Greg and Patrick help manage the vineyard with Jim Pratt, who oversees vineyard operations in this region of the Sebastopol Hills. The Dijon 95 and Robert Young clones on this 0.9-acre Chardonnay block are planted in Goldridge sandy loam with a modified double Guyot vertical-shoot-positioned trellis.
- **Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- **Harvest:** Commenced on October 1. We took our time to balance acidity with flavors.
- **Fermentation:** Barrel fermented both primary and secondary with indigenous yeast. With such natural high acidity, ML took only 9 weeks.
- **Barrel Aging:** *Elevage sur lies* with weekly stirring followed by monthly after 10 weeks. Remained on the lees for 10 months before bottling. 1/3 new, once & twice-used French barrels.
- **Production:** 160 Cases, \$57 per bottle, retail
- **Analysis:**
 - **Alcohol:** 14.1%
 - **pH :** 3.31
 - **TA:** 7.02
 - **Residual Sugar:** 0.11 g/L (very dry)