



ALQUIMISTA CELLARS

ELEVATOR POINTS FOR MEDIA

The Wines:

- **Lorenzo Vineyard Chardonnay:** Among the oldest Chard vines in the RRV, Lorenzo Vineyard makes spicy, richly textured wines as only old vines can.
- **Manchester Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay:** Formerly un-planted, cold coastal region and brand new clones from Burgundy combined with “brown juice club” handling and basket pressing = enigmatic, new-paradigm Chardonnay flavors of great subtlety, complexity and longevity.
- **Confluence Pinot noir:** Focus is on the structure and flavors of only what Pinot noir can do in the Russian River - having weight and structure while almost levitating, defying gravity. We want this wine to be the “most elegant dinner companion” contest winner and is built to seamlessly harmonize the voices of several classic Russian River vineyards.
- **Van der Kamp Vineyards Pinot noir:** Highest vineyard on N slope of Sonoma Mt, old vines, 7 clones planted in shallow volcanic soils and a touch of Pinot Meunier partner with the wild yeast of this site to give tremendous sense of place/terroir to the wine’s voice.
- **Manchester Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir:** Formerly un-planted, cold coastal region with struggling vines, extreme winegrowing and classic whole-cluster fermentation techniques give this wine a sense of place that is all its own - neither Old-World nor Californian, but its own unique, unmistakable, harmonious voice.

The Vineyards (only two share PN and CH):

Manchester Ridge is a “winegrowing-X” (extreme winegrowing) site whose 2000+’ elevation immediately above the ocean, cold climate but island-in-the-sky position above the dense fog and low clouds yields flavors and textures that are neither old world nor Californian - an unmistakable voice of true terroir.

Mes Filles Vineyard: This is the very last vineyard in the SW corner of the Russian River, at the Blucher Creek headwaters, the most southerly tributary of the Russian River. It is at the crossroads of 4 of the most important climatic and geographic considerations of our region:

- At the top of a solo hill at 600 – 800’, it sits barely above the fog line but still in full sunshine on most days
- The next ridge over rolls down to the Pacific Ocean – not even redwoods grow on those chilly, wind-swept slopes
- The soil is Goldridge sandy loam, a well-draining substrate that has been identified as ideal for growing Pinot noir and Chardonnay
- It overlooks the Petaluma Gap in the Sebastopol Hills, influenced greatly by this coolest and most new (Petaluma Gap AVA approval 2017) of the Sonoma Coast regions