



BALLETTO®

2015 CHARDONNAY

Teresa's Unoaked

Russian River Valley

When making Chardonnay like this, there is no room for error, not in the vineyard, not in the winery. Everything shows. And that's exactly how we want it. Expressive & Pure.

Accordingly, the 2015 is focused and intense with rolling tropical and bright fruit aromas that are offset with darker ripe apple and slightly earthly tones. It's mouthwatering with an electric vein of acidity running through the wine and into its long finish. Most important, the wine's structure has a weighty mid palate that directly contrasts its acidity and phenolic grip, lending an exciting tension and unique beauty.

The Teresa's Chardonnay comes from a small band of sandy soil that borders the western end of the vineyard surrounding the winery. It's a continuous block planted with Robert Young clone Chardonnay that produce a distinct and lifted wine every year. It's one of those special small places we cherish.

Balletto Vineyards makes all of its wine from sustainably-farmed estate vineyards located throughout the cool southern third of the Russian River Valley. It is one of the few Russian River wineries to be 100 percent estate grown and estate bottled, and specializes in vineyard-designated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, which are consistently elegant, balanced and delicious.

Technical Information

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.31

TA: 7.0 g/L

Case Production: 2,910 cases

Teresa's Unoaked Chardonnay Winemaking Philosophy:

When Chardonnay is loaded whole cluster into a press and gently squeezed, the resulting juice is one of the most delicious things ever. It's tart, aromatic and decadent. Our ambition is to capture this essence of Chardonnay. Pure, crisp and pretty. We initiate a cool, slow fermentation to maintain aromatics and take the wine to dryness to maintain crispness. To coax out the delicacy, we're harvesting early and maintaining just enough phenolic structure to lift and showcase the wine.