



**Bella Vigna Chardonnay**  
**Russian River Valley**  
**2009**

**Vineyard Character**

This wine is a blend of selected single vineyard Chardonnay estate grapes, with the majority of the grapes coming from our Lolita Ranch and Charles Ranch Vineyards.

**Wine Statistics**

The Chardonnay grapes are picked between 24 and 26 degrees brix to ensure mature ripe fruit flavors. The fruit is hand selected at harvest time by Lee Martinelli Sr., who tastes them and chooses when to pick according to the developed concentration of flavors in the berries. The wine is 100% barrel fermented with wild yeast, resting in 65% new French oak for 10 months before bottling. The wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized, and is un-fined and un-filtered, clarified only by racking before bottling.

Case Production: 450

**Tasting Notes**

The 2009 Bella Vigna Chardonnay has flavors of bright lemon, mineral, juicy ripe pear, with a weighty texture in the mouth. Aromas include caramel, toast, lemon and spice.

**Winemaker:** Bryan Kvamme

**Consulting Winemaker:** Helen Turley