

# ATELIER

## The Meaning

noun [at-l-yey, at-l-yey]

a workshop or studio, especially of an artist, artisan, or designer



Crafted with respect for the planet and its people.

Atelier is our uncompromising dedication to the artistry of winemaking and the studio of land and cellar. This studio is where we dream, envision, and craft with honor and reverence from beginning to end.

As with any atelier, tools and materials are as important to design execution as is the vision. We chose the glorious Russian River Valley in Sonoma County as our muse equally for its favorable climatic influence on Chardonnay and Pinot Noir as for the region's entrenched commitments to sustainable winegrowing and innovation.

Years of experience with the Russian River Valley's multigenerational farmers, distinctive soil profiles, microclimates, and long growing season lured us to a handful of beautiful vineyard sites where we saw the potential to construct new silhouettes that reflect our winemaking spirit.

Our grower partners are family farmers who are united in their commitment to sustainable farming and conservation of our precious Earth. These efforts translate tangibly to fruit and wine quality and intangibly to the general wellbeing and prosperity of the immediate surroundings.

Our wine design begins in the vineyard, where vines are trained to produce luscious fruit while keeping nature in balance. When harvest commences, we favor picking fruit at night to protect the delicate flavors and skins. In the cellar, we delight in state-of-the-art equipment for precision crushing, pressing, and fermentation.

We ferment our Chardonnay and age our Pinot Noir in French oak barrels to create a framework and contribute complex layers to our wines. We also perform lees stirring and conduct extended sur lie aging while handling the wine as little as necessary during its élevage.

It is our desire to bring wines to life that bridge our heritage with the contemporary. This is the inspired, humble, aspirational Atelier.

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WINEMAKER

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