



KOSTA BROWNE OBSERVATIONS SERIES

2017 LAGUNA, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, CHARDONNAY

17CHRR.UVL.81HF.19PUN

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard	Laguna-Valdez
Clones	Wente, Batto, Calera
Orientation	Northeast/Southwest
Trellising	Quad cane
Soil	Goldridge

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation	80% new horizontal foudre / 20% puncheon
Oak	100% new French oak for 16 months
Alcohol	13.6%
pH	3.27
TA	7.4 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Complex. Alpine wildflowers with a spring breeze, fresh basil, and sourdough.

Mouth: Brilliant with a dynamic acidity, rousing tension and structure that lends itself to aging.

FACTS OF NOTE

WINEMAKING

Unfiltered

FERMENTATION

80% new
horizontal
foudre to add
texture

CELLAR

Excellent
aging potential

Ulises Valdez was a highly skilled grower whose dedication to excellence in the vineyard led him to immigrate to this country as a young teenager, eventually establishing himself as one of the most iconic growers in northern California. For years, we have worked with this special site and feel honored to share a focused representation within this wines series. An all-time personal favorite of our team, this Chardonnay is fermented and aged almost exclusively in new horizontal foudres, providing deep texture and nuance only found from working with such a unique cask. By crafting this Chardonnay without fining or filtering, the result is a complex wine with excellent aging potential.

