

KOSTA BROWNE ESTATE WINES

# 2019 Bootlegger's Hill Chardonnay

## An Unmatched Treasure in Russian River Valley

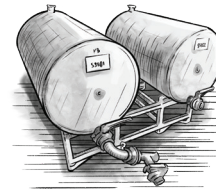
Once an apple orchard within a region used to cart moonshine during Prohibition, the 30-acre Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard sits 750 feet above sea level and the fog line, surrounded by redwood and fir trees. The ranch has six varieties of Pinot Noir clones and features two blocks of Chardonnay planted in the region's hallmark sandy loam Goldridge soils, derived from an ancient seabed. The Chardonnay lies on the northern edge of the vineyard. This portion gently slopes toward a backdrop of redwoods, collecting cool air, and is the perfect location to grow this variety.

Though vines were first planted on the site in 2009, the bulk of the vineyard was planted the following year. Made exclusively from the famed Hyde clone of Chardonnay, this wine is mesmerizing with a silky texture and impeccable balance. From the mid-palate to the finish, the purity of flavors delight as notes of golden apple, orange zest, and apricot add a dynamic freshness.

**Fact of Note:** The blend is split between three individual picks from three individual blocks from one clone.



50% new French  
oak



8% stainless  
steel



ABV 14.2%

### VINEYARD DETAILS

**VINEYARD** Bootlegger's Hill

**CLONES** Hyde

**ORIENTATION** North/East

**TRELLISING** VSP

**SOIL** Goldridge sandy loam

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**FERMENTATION** 92% barrel, 8% stainless steel

**ÉLEVAGE** 50% new French oak for 14 months, 18% new Austrian oak for 14 months, prior to bottling 100% stainless steel for 2 months

**ALCOHOL** 14.2%

**pH** 3.38

**TA** 6.58 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**NOSE** Golden yellow apple envelops the senses with lively notes of fresh orange zest, honey, and apricots.

**MOUTH** From the mid-palate to the finish, it has a seductive rich texture with a mesmerizing balance of lychee, hints of caramel, and apple tart. This wine is full of style.