

2021 JOURNEYMAN RUSSIAN RIVER CHARDONNAY

JOURNEYMAN WINERY

In 1896, my great-grandfather, an immigrant from Italy, purchased a young vineyard for 10 gold coins he earned working as a cook in California's gold mines. With its fog, cobbled hillsides and proximity to the ocean, this special place reminded him of his hometown in Italy, San Lorenzo. At the same time, my paternal grandfather, already a winemaker in California, founded Seghesio Family Vineyards and Winery. Eventually, my parents would meet over a grape purchase at the San Lorenzo Vineyard.

Today, it is my privilege to steward the San Lorenzo Planting, and honor the iconic 130-year-old vineyard that has helped shaped my life. Humbled by our family's rich history in and deep love of the California wine industry, I began Journeyman in 2008 with my wife and sons to share with them a craft that has sustained our family for generations. Our small winery produces approximately 1500 cases annually. Those wines are grown at San Lorenzo and by grape growers I have worked with in my 35 year career who produce extraordinary grapes.

Salute! Pete Seghesio

THE WINE

Journeyman Chardonnay is sourced from two of the most iconic vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley Appellation. Zio Tony and the Ritchie Vineyard each produce sought after single bottlings, yet when blended, create a complexity rarely found in California Chardonnay.

Meticulously farmed and then harvested at their peak in the middle of the night, these well-drained vineyards provide concentrated fruit. Combining barrel fermentation with concrete egg fermentation, we have created a wine with a vibrant minerality intertwined with creaminess from extended lees contact in both barrel and egg. Aromas of fresh rain on limestone, apple blossom, and stone fruit leap from the glass while flavors follow of baked apple and pear. We liken it to if Meursault & Russian River Valley had a child.



THE VINTAGE

2021 was a gift...after several stressful vintages, this one felt like a big hug from Mother Nature.

A perfect growing season allowed for morphological, uniform ripening, and beautiful flavors while the affects of the continued drought produced smaller, more intensely flavored berries.

WINEMAKER: Pete Seghesio

VINEYARD SOURCING:

The Zio Tony Vineyard Clone 548 & the Ritchie Vineyard, Old Wente Clone

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION:

Barrel & Concrete Egg

CELLARING:

Francois Freres French Oak

Bottled unfinned & unfiltered
440 cases produced

