

# RAEN



*Research in Agriculture and Enology Naturally*



## THE 2021 VINTAGE

2021 was truly an incredible vintage. A combination of a beautiful growing season and the realization of our team's steadfast dedication to our farming principles led us to what is looking to be one of the greatest vintages we have produced since RAEN began, now almost ten years ago. During the 2021 growing season, our vineyards felt healthier and more alive than ever before. Through our holistic approach to farming, the meadows and forests don't end where the vineyard begins, but rather work together. We believe that supporting this biodiversity is both better for our planet's health, as well as essential to growing world-class wines. We are grateful that Mother Nature gave our coastal region a nearly perfect growing season, allowing us to capture the brilliance of the year in its entirety. Our 2021 wines present a beautiful concentration of flavors with incredible vibrancy, energy and verve. Elegant and expressive, these wines capture the voice of our grand cru sites along the coast.

## 2020 CHARLES RANCH VINEYARD, FORT ROSS-SEAVIEW

Varietal	CHARDONNAY
Vineyard	1 ACRE
Farming	ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE, & BIODYNAMIC PRACTICES
Soils	JOSEPHINE & GOLDRIDGE
Clones	WENTE
Fermentation	WHOLE CLUSTER & NATIVE
Annual Production	250 9L CASES
Associate Winegrower	MELANIE MCINTYRE
Proprietors / Winegrowers	CARLO & DANTE MONDAVI

This rocky, shy-yielding hillside site sits 2 miles from and 1,100 feet above the cold Pacific coastline of Fort Ross-Seaview. Firmly rooted in well-drained, fractured-rock soils, these vines, planted over forty years ago, are some of the oldest pre-phyloxera plantings of chardonnay along the Sonoma coastline. The well-drained hillside soils, cool climate, and exposure yield wines of natural concentration, minerality and depth.

On the nose the wine fills the bowl with fresh white flowers, citrus blossom, tart white nectarine and wet rock. Cool elderflower, lychee and crushed seashells linger. On the palate, lime blossom, lemon pith, and wet rock turn to crunchy peach and tart nectarine. The wine lingers with sea breeze, white flowers and a racy acidity leading into a vibrant, elegant and lengthy finish.

