

MERRIMAN'S

HOME OF
HAWAII REGIONAL CUISINE

WINE TECH SHEET FOR

MARITANA

CHARDONNAY 'LA RIVIÈRE', RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COAST, CALIFORNIA, 2018

\$20/GLASS, \$80/BOTTLE



Having reached an enviable level of prestige with Patz & Hall, Donald Patz sold the winery in 2016 to Ste. Michelle Wine Estates—who produces Col Solare and also is the exclusive U.S. importer for Tignanello and Nicolas Feuillatte—to focus on a new project called Maritana. With 30-plus years of experience crafting affordable yet points-worthy chardonnay and pinot noir, while also leveraging his longstanding connections within Sonoma County, Mr. Patz continues his wine legacy.

As a smaller, more personal project (the overall annual output averages 1,200 cases, roughly a tenth of Patz & Hall's chardonnay alone), Maritana uses a separate crush facility; fermentation, tank, and barrel storage; bottling line; and tasting room on the neighboring property of esteemed winery Siduri.

La Rivière, meaning "the river" in French and very simply attributing that to its sourcing and production in Russian River Valley, aged in 10% new French oak and 90% once-used French oak, giving it some of the toasty, buttery typicity of Sonoma chardonnay but also allowing the primary notes of pineapple, Bosc pear, and Golden Delicious apple to shine through. This is at once full-bodied, intense, and elegant.