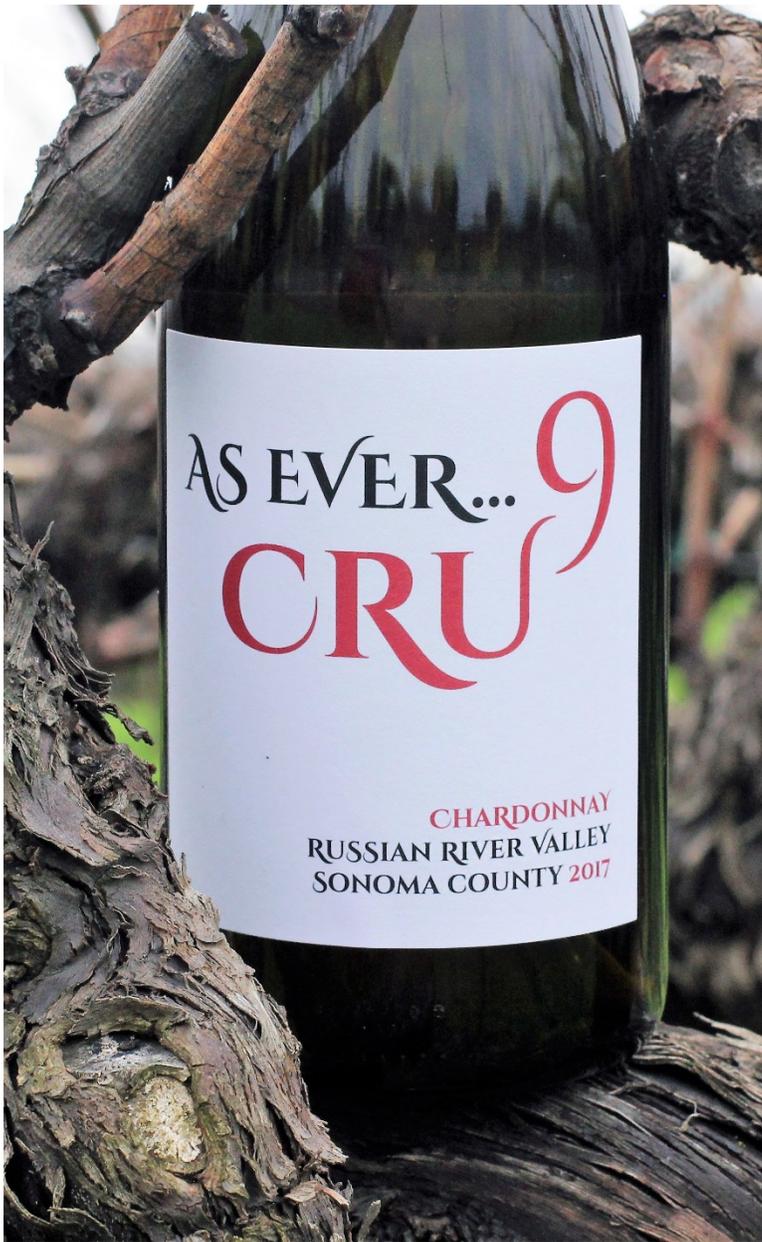


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2017 AS EVER, SHE OWNS IT... CHARDONNAY



2017 Russian River Valley

5 Barrels, 125 Cases

ABV 14.9% pH 3.61 TA 5 g/L

Goldridge soils, fine sandy loam

Sebastopol Hills micro climate, cold ocean winds and fog, steep hillock vineyards

Average 24.5° Bx

5 day cold soak, full ML fermented in barrel

9 months 50% new French oak

National California Day Release 2019

February 22 This Queen of California wine will entice you with honeydew melon, green apple, and toast; creamy butterscotch, tart lemon and lively acidity.

The Irreverent 2017 Growing Season:

Record breaking winter rainfall led to a late start in spring and some vine-vigor challenges, leaving us thinking we would have a large crop. Spring entered with late lifting fog, strong winds, and several heat spikes resulting in smaller berried clusters and an average yield. September came in with extreme heat kicking harvest into gear. October 8th, the fires roared through our world. There was nothing about this season that spoke of normality, but As Ever, just as our grapes thrive under adversity, so do we. Onward and Upward.

"A beautifully perfumed Chardonnay with a compelling, complex nose of dried pineapple, ripe pear, rich butterscotch, fresh green herbs, Spring flowers and a touch of sweet vanilla spice. On the palate, it is supple and lush with more dried pineapple, crisp apple, buttered caramel, chamomile tea, and a beautifully long finish that goes on and on. An exceptional effort that balances the palate richness with perfectly zingy acidity that brightens and lifts the palate just enough so it doesn't come off as heavy." **93+ Points, Kevin M. Vogt, Master Sommelier**

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