

# PEIRSON MEYER

Chardonnay

Russian River Valley

Sophia's Vineyard

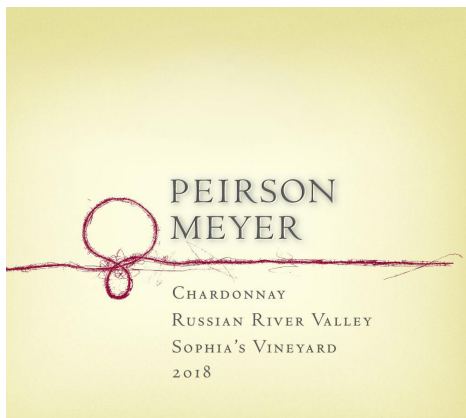
2018

This elegant, multi-layered Chardonnay from Sophia's Vineyard attains a perfect balance between its acidity and creamy texture. Intertwined in the palate are sweet spice, honey, tangerine oil, and a classic river stone minerality. The mouthfeel has an amazing polish, presence, and viscosity that finishes perfectly focused, leaving a persistent impression on the palate.

## Wine Advocate Review *by Robert Parker*

The 2018 Chardonnay Sophia's Vineyard is scented of orchard fruits, white flowers and beeswax with a youthful framing of matchstick-like reduction. The palate is silky, lifted and ripe, with mineral character adding tension and a long finish laced with floral perfume. It's tensile and lively and will age well in bottle. 150 cases were made. **94+ Points**

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## Sophia's Vineyard

Warren Dutton planted this 7 acre vineyard in the 1970s using the Old Wente Clone without rootstock. Located near Graton, the well drained Goldridge soil has kept these vines healthy and productive. On a gentle north facing slope that protects the fruit from the hot afternoon sun, the vines are trained on a vertical trellis (VSP).

## Production/Vineyard Notes

Production: 150 cases

Russian River Appellation

Located near Graton

Elevation 700 feet

Vine Age - 40+ years

Goldridge Soils

Gentle North Facing Slope

Harvested in September 2018

Malolactic Fermentation

Barrel Fermented

Wild Yeast Fermentation

40% New French Oak

Barrel Aged 14 Months (sur lees)

Bottled in December 2019

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