

2016 Heintz Ranch Chardonnay Cuvée Ma Belle

Harvest date: 9-29-16

Fermentation: Tumble pressed, heavy solids fermentation

Aging: 17 months in 100% used French oak

Bottling date: 2-13-18

Alcohol: 13.9%

The 2016 Heintz Ranch Chardonnay, Cuvée Ma Belle, is Sandler's third release from this famed site in the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1982 to clone 4, Charlie Heintz has transformed his family's land into one of the most unique Chardonnay vineyards in California. Each year, Heintz produces fruit with incredible depth and acidity that ages several years in the bottle. The 2016 should sit in the cellar for a year or two, and will show well between 2019 and 2024.

