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Wine Press - Winter White Wines Perfect For Early Spring

Sonoma Chardonnay

Compared to its California neighbor, Napa Valley, many wines from Sonoma County often have an earthier, more robust finish. Part of it has to do with the cooler nights and coastal influence on the vineyards in this hilly part of Northern California. And when it comes to winter white wines, these ideal conditions consistently produce powerful yet subtle California Chardonnays.

Recommended Wine - 2018 Gary Farrell Russian River Selection Chardonnay (\$35 Suggested Retail Price) - There are so many great Chardonnays to choose from in Sonoma County. But I decided to highlight this one from one of the best producers in one of my favorite parts of Sonoma, the Russian River Valley. This outstanding Chardonnay made by Gary Farrell winemaker Theresa Heredia bursts with wonderful, dense, dark flavors. Hints of sea mist, fog and smoke make this brooding wine a perfect choice for a crisp, cold night by a warm, blazing fire.