

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation Russian River Valley

Alcohol 14.5% by volume

pH 3.24

Titratable Acidity 5.5 g/L

Aged in Oak 20%, 20% new

Origin of Oak French

Months in Barrel IO

2014 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

In the Vineyard

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay is predominantly harvested from the BCD Vineyard, the Norris Vineyard, the Wallace Vineyard and the Boriolo Vineyard. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards contributes their unique complexities to the final blend.

The BCD Vineyard, located adjacent to the DeLoach Estate on a very gentle south facing slope, features heavy clay soils that decrease the vigor of the vines and is influenced by the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The Norris Vineyard is located in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley and is planted to two clones of Chardonnay — 809 and 17. Clone 809 provides floral and other high-tone aromatics while the Clone 17 lends richer, riper fruit flavors. The Boriolo Vineyard is located on the Olivet Bench northeast of the winery. The vineyard's sandy and clay loam soils produce fruit that is higher in acidity with more minerality and offering fresh fruit flavors. Together, these vineyards produce the backbone of our Russian River Valley Chardonnay.

Conversations with the Winemaker

The wine underwent 100% Malolactic fermentation and was aged for 10 months in 20% French oak barrels (20% new), with the balance in stainless steel tanks. The result was a well-balanced wine with bright acidity and a rich, round mouthfeel.

Tasting Notes

Our 2014 Russian River Chardonnay offers enticing aromas of Asian pear, white floral notes and a touch of tangerine. Upon the palate, fresh flavors of white peach and muskmelon are beautifully complemented by nutmeg and a touch of vanilla. Creamy and rich, a distinct crisp finish makes this enjoyable with a variety of light dishes.

Jean-Charles Boisset Proprietor

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