

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL 14.5% by volume

PH 3.30

TITRATABLE ACIDITY 6.I g/L

AGED IN OAK 100% 25% New Oak

ORIGIN OF OAK French

Months in Barrel 13

2014 O.F.S. CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2014 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. Harvest extended over eight weeks, from the last week of August through October, with the warmer Ritchie and Estate vineyards being picked first. The remaining cooler vineyards harvested to make up this elegant, rich Chardonnay were Hawk Hill, Heintz, Boriolo, Norris, Windmill, and Piziali. The long growing season, in combination with moderate weather at harvest, contributed to the complexity and depth of the grape flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The hand-harvested grapes were whole-cluster pressed to stainless steel tanks for overnight settling. The juice was then racked to barrels for fermentation by native yeasts and malolactic conversion proceeded naturally during aging, while the lees-stirring contributed to enhanced mouthfeel. Barrels were hand-selected to assemble the final blend in December before being bottled unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Our OFS Chardonnay, a delightful golden hue in the glass, is a balanced, complex wine that reflects the best characteristics of each of the vineyards that contribute to the final blend. The 2014 vintage offers an aromatic bouquet of green apple and orange blossom with a touch of graham cracker. Flavors of golden pear and baking spices are accented with vanilla and a touch of oak. This medium bodied wine has a lingering finish that pairs perfectly with Moroccan tagine or spiced lamb chops.

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Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker