

## 2014 Russian River Valley Chardonnay



### Harvest Notes

In many ways, the 2014 vintage is one for the record books. The third consecutive drought year, Sonoma County received less than half of its average rainfall. The very dry winter and spring allowed for very early bud break, flowering and harvest. With ideal spring weather conditions, the vines were able to complete flowering quickly, and the resulting crop was much larger than average. We received just enough rain in the spring to charge the soil with water, and cool summer weather allowed for the vines to thrive resulting in the earliest harvest on record.

### Winegrower Notes

The Chardonnay is now sourced principally from our Martaella Estate Vineyard. We have planted heirloom clones of Chardonnay that retain bright acidity and express beautiful floral and mineral notes. The low-fertility soil and the cool temperatures in this part of the Russian River Valley unite to form an ideal place for growing Chardonnay. The fruit was harvested at night and rigorously hand sorted before whole-cluster pressing. After settling overnight, the juice was fermented in barrels with indigenous yeast.

### Tasting Notes

This 2014 Russian River Valley Chardonnay is bursting with aromas of citrus blossom, nectarine and spice baked pear. Aromas of white peach and tangerine, knit together by bright acidity for a long-complex finish. Barrel fermentation and oak aging for 12 months have added hints of candied ginger, and baking spice to a subtle minerality on the finish.

### Vineyard Sources

Martaella Estate and Zio Tony Ranch

### Harvest Data

August 22nd, 24th, 27th, September 2nd, 4th

Alcohol 14.1% | pH 3.35, | TA 0.69

### Fermentation

Whole cluster pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast

### Cooperage

28% new French Oak

### Bottling

February 2016

### Cases Produced

1050 cases

### Release Date

March 2016