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# 2012 BANFIELD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay is an elegant, medium-bodied expression of the grape that boasts a brilliant golden straw color and a vibrant acid backbone. White peach and lime peel dominate the citrus-y flavor palette that is reminiscent of Puligny-Montrachet. A mineral note pairs perfectly with the lemon-lime quality of this wine, and a very modest oak influence ensures that the finish is fresh and clean. Drink now through 2018.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay comes from the northern edge of the Green Valley, a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley. The location of this vineyard is ideal for growing Chardonnay due to the cooling influence of coastal fog. This dry farmed vineyard was planted in 1980 to the Wente Selection of Chardonnay, a highly prized selection of Chardonnay known for its small, loose clusters and intensely flavored grapes. The 30+ year old vines are rare in the Russian River Valley and produce lower yields per acre. What's lost in tonnage is more than compensated for in flavor and quality as is evidenced through the wines produced year after year. The combination of site and vine age represent a truly unique and distinct vineyard that we are proud to work with.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay  
Vineyard Source: 100% Banfield Vineyard, Russian River Valley  
Barrel Program: 40% new barrels, 60% neutral barrels  
TA: 6.2g/L  
pH: 3.48  
RS: <0.1g/L  
Alc: 14.4%  
Released: Fall 2014  
Cases Produced: 193

