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2014 BANFIELD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

2014 was our second full year of drought in the North Coast, and not surprisingly, the growing season was dry and warm. Everything was early in 2014: Dry soils and mild spring weather resulted in one of the earliest initiations of budbreak we've seen in years. That trend continued throughout the season, as we stayed several weeks ahead of average all the way through the onset of harvest in mid-August.

TASTING NOTES

The Chardonnay blocks in Banfield Vineyard are some of the coolest sites we work with. The vineyard sits in a protected pocket of the Russian River Valley that collects cool air in the mornings, and warms up slowly only when the morning sun peeks over the surrounding hills. Aromas of lime zest, orange blossom, wet granite and baking spices emanate from the 2014 Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay. The wine is silky with great density and minerality on the mid-palate. Notes of pear skin, lime curd and lemon butter unfold through the long finish. Peak drinking window: 2017 through 2027.



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