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2014 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Sonoma County

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 2014 Russian River Valley Chardonnay is a blend of our three Russian River Valley Chardonnay vineyards: El Diablo Vineyard on Eastside Road, Banfield Vineyard on Martinelli Road and Ritchie Vineyard on Eastside Road. The wine is made with a modest amount of new oak to allow the fruit to take center stage. These appellation wines always offer great insight into the region as a whole for the given vintage. In the 2014 growing season, the Russian River Valley experienced beautiful, moderate weather with very few heat spikes or rain events. Thus, we have a wine with great richness and silkiness, yet still possessing firm structure. Notes of brioche, yellow peach, panna cotta and white flowers greet the nose, while flavors of tangy limeade, pear nectar, lemon zest are buoyed by a savory and mouth-watering mix of acid and minerals on the finish. Peak drinking window: 2016 through 2026



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