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2014

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Chardonnay

ALC 13% BY VOL

Our **2014 Russian River Chardonnay** is made from 100% hand-picked, hand-sorted fruit from the Inspiration Vineyard along Olivet Road in the Russian River AVA, Sonoma County, California.

We picked this Chardonnay at 22–22.5 brix to retain natural acids and temper alcohol, in pursuit of a balanced expression of the block. The lot was cold-soaked for 24 hours, pressed whole cluster, then cool-fermented with wild resident yeast in neutral oak barrels. It was stirred and conditioned *sur lie* for six months prior to bottling without fining or filtration.

The result is a graceful Russian River Chardonnay: bursting with stone fruit aromas, round biscuit, apple and citrus flavors, integrated over a backbone of crisp, table-friendly acids. Some natural sediment is to be expected at the bottom of chilled bottles.

Production: 100 cases
Varietal: Chardonnay, clone 17
ABV: 13%
Soil: Huichica, Yolo sandy loams
Crush: Hand harvest, hand sort, whole cluster, 24hr cold maceration, gentle champagne press
Ferment: Neutral oak barrels, native yeast, batonnage
Wood: 6 months elevage sur lie, neutral oak
Aromas: Pear, butterscotch
Palate: Apples, mango, citrus, heather