



BRAVIUM

Russian River Valley

CHARDONNAY

2018



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Sourced from the cool-climate of the western portion of California’s Russian River Valley, the Reis Vineyard sits astride a ridgeline blanketed by fog and a view of the Pacific Ocean. This single vineyard Chardonnay is planted to Martini selections which—combined with the large diurnal shift experienced at Reis—allows for acidity to be retained during ripening. Shallow hillside soils also allow for ripening to occur at a relatively low degree Brix. The combination of these terroir attributes provide prototypical Chardonnay character and hallmark Bravium balance.

2018 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season—specifically bud break and flowering—in Russian River Valley were followed by uneventful weather throughout the year. Steady and even ripening allowed harvest to occur at precisely the right time, without any late-season heat spikes that had occurred in recent years. Grape yields were above average, and quality was exceptional in this temperate vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This bright and balanced wine perfectly reflects the cool-climate Russian River Valley vineyard where it was grown. Brilliant yellow-gold color, with fresh tree and tropical fruit aromas are highlighted by apple, pineapple, lemon oil, white flowers, and sea spray. The wine opens with gorgeous sweet apple and pineapple fruit flavors, with vanilla and honeycomb notes. A finely-textured, invigorating mouthfeel, with a generous mid-palate and medium-plus acidity, is framed by crisp fruit and subtle oak-derived flavors. Flinty minerality and refreshing acidity linger on the finish of this lively Chardonnay.

VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION:

Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATES:

October 1, 2018

RELEASE DATE:

August 1, 2019

ALCOHOL:

14.1%

PH:

3.48

TA:

6.1 g/L

AGED:

11 months in French and Hungarian oak [21% new]

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

3,798 6-packs

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift