



BRAVIUM

Russian River Valley

CHARDONNAY

2020



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Our Chardonnay vineyards are located in the cool-climate of California's Russian River Valley. Two vineyards comprise this wine, both located near the small town of Sebastopol, where they are regularly blanketed by fog and winds from the nearby Pacific Ocean. The vineyards are planted to a number of Chardonnay selections, including Dijon and Wente vine material which - combined with the large diurnal shift - allows for acidity to be retained during ripening. Shallow soils contribute to ripening at relatively low Brix. The combination of these terroir attributes provide prototypical Chardonnay character and hallmark Bravium balance.

2020 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season in Russian River Valley were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence and am lucky to have been spared the impact of fires and smoke which affected so many other vineyards in 2020. My Chardonnay grape yields were lower than average and quality was exceptional in this memorable vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This bright and balanced wine perfectly reflects the cool-climate Russian River Valley vineyards where it was grown. Brilliant medium-gold color, with honey, pear, apple, pineapple, lemon oil, and white flowers aromas, and a judicious framing of vanillin oak. The wine opens with crisp pineapple and mango fruit flavors that turn into apple pastry on the full-bodied mid-palate. A finely-textured, invigorating mouthfeel, with medium acidity, turns into saline minerality on the lively and bouncy finish of this delicious Chardonnay.

VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION:

Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 3, 4, and 11, 2020

RELEASE DATE:

August 2021

ALCOHOL:

13.8%

PH:

3.59

TA:

5.4 g/L

AGED:

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

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

10,069 6/750mL

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

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