



BRAVIUM

Russian River Valley

CHARDONNAY

2021



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Plumis Vineyard is Bravium’s estate Chardonnay planting, located on the north side of the Russian River near the small town of Forestville. This low-lying site is regularly blanketed by fog and winds that originate in the nearby Pacific Ocean, which slows ripening and provides balanced acidity in our wines. 90 acres are planted to a wide variety of Chardonnay vines, including selections that originated at Stony Hill Vineyard. Dijon clones make up the balance of the vineyard, with nine distinct blocks planted in 2001 and 2003. The Chardonnay grown in this vineyard reaches its highest potential, thanks to its unique microclimate, soil, and exposure.

2021 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season in Russian River Valley were followed by relatively 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. My Chardonnay grape yields were slightly lower than average and quality was very good in 2021.

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 honey, pear, apple, pineapple, lemon oil, damp soil and white flower aromas, and a hint of vanillin oak. The wine opens brightly with lushly textured tropical fruit that transitions to citrus – lemon and lime – and tree – apple, apricot, and nectarine – fruit on the full-bodied mid-palate. Medium acidity turns lightly saline on the lively and bouncy finish of this delicious Chardonnay.

VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION:

Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 4, 6, and 7, 2021

RELEASE DATE:

July, 2022

ALCOHOL:

14.3%

PH:

3.37

TA:

5.6 g/L

AGED:

9 months in French and Hungarian oak [19% New]

COOPERAGES:

Billon, Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

15,047 6/750mL

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

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