



**2014 ENROUTE CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, “BRUMAIRE”**

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Aging: French oak barrels
(40% new / 60% once-used)

Release Date: March 2016

Winemaker: Andrew Delos

Harvest Dates: August 29 – September 29, 2014

Fermentation: 100% barrel; No ML

Time: 10 months sur lie

First Vintage: 2012

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

EnRoute Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, “Brumaire” is named for the fog that gently envelops the vineyards in Russian River Valley, creating the perfect climate to nurture our fruit to ideal ripeness. A discrete group of select clones and growing areas combine to produce the “Brumaire” blend. The Wentz clone benefits from the warmth of the northernmost vineyard along Westside Road and contributes an oily texture and tropical notes. The Rued clone, grown in the cool climate of Green Valley, brings beautiful perfume and floral notes to the wine. The Heritage clone provides notes of pear and citrus from a vineyard cultivated in the Goldridge sandy loam along Vine Hill Road in Sebastopol.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2014 growing season offered ideal conditions that allowed us to harvest grapes about two weeks earlier than normal. Warm, clear days and cool nights encouraged even fruit maturation; the vines produced perfectly balanced clusters that showed ample depth of fruit flavors and naturally bright acid. Harvest started in late August in our vineyard on Westside Road – our most northernmost vineyard, and our warmest growing site. Four weeks later, we wrapped up in our coolest vineyard in the southwestern corner of the Russian River Valley.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Complex stone fruits, pear, citrus and peach aromas unfold in the glass, slowly revealing additional floral and mineral notes. The entry is bright and juicy, giving way to an oily and coating midpalate full with flavors complementary to the characters on the nose. The vibrant natural acidity on the finish leaves the palate refreshed and eager for the next sip.



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