



2017 ENROUTE CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, “BRUMAIRE”

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Harvest Dates: October 10, 2017

Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

Aging: 10 months sur lie in French oak barrels
(30% new / 70% neutral)

Release Date: Spring 2019

First Vintage: 2012

Winemaker: Andrew Delos

Director of Winemaking: Dirk Hampson

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 Wente 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

Our vineyards saw an even spring with a normal budbreak that set our vines on an even growing path throughout the first half of the growing season. A warm summer followed, allowing our berries to mature and accelerate their phenolic development, with wonderful flavors already showing in early August. After a late season heat spike in early September, we were started to see beautifully mature berries with flavors of tropical and citrus fruits, and a bright and mouthwatering acidity. Harvest finally began in October, with all fruit entering in the winery on October 10th.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Beautiful aromas of stone fruit, honeysuckle, and citrus travel from the glass on the first swirl of this straw-hued Chardonnay. Upon entry, the texture is pleasing with racy acidity that is rounded out by the impact of the wine’s surlees aging. Peach, Apricot, grapefruit rind, lemon curd and a profound minerality make a statement on the palate with flavors that last from start to finish.



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