



2018 ENROUTE CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, “BRUMAIRE”

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Harvest Dates: October 1-11, 2018

Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation
Aging: 10 months sur lie in French oak barrels
(30% new / 70% neutral)

Cases Produced: 2700

Release Date: Fall 2019

First Vintage: 2012

Winemaker: Michael Accurso
Director of Winemaking: Andrew Delos

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

A warm February followed by a mild, slightly cooler spring 2018 was a cool and moderate led to long bloom and wonderfully consistent fruit set. That consistency continued into the summer with moderate temperatures and a mild July that put the brakes on any late summer heat spikes. The long, slow season allowed for ideal ripening and picking decisions. We harvested our first Chardonnay blocks on October 1, and the fruit that came into the winery showed pitch perfect maturity, with bright acidity and beautiful balance.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Fragrant with stone fruit and key lime aromatics, this golden-hued wine possesses the enchanting perfume, creamy texture and bright acidity that have become hallmarks of our Russian River Chardonnay. Notes of lemon zest and stone fruit roll across the palate, while a racy minerality closes out the finish. Beautiful balance – with every component seamlessly integrated – make this new release at once sophisticated and fresh.



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