



2015 ENROUTE CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, “BRUMAIRE”

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Release Date: Spring 2017

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

First Vintage: 2012

Harvest Dates: August 22 – September 16, 2015

Winemaker: Andrew Delos

Fermentation: 100% barrel; No ML

Director of Winemaking: Dirk Hampson

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

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

2015 was the earliest harvest in the history of EnRoute, with vineyards being harvested an average of 14 days early. Drought conditions in spring and early summer resulted in a greatly reduced crop with uncommonly small yet concentrated berries. As the warm summer progressed, the small crop matured quickly and wonderful ripe flavors began to develop in early August. By the second week of August we were starting to see beautifully mature berries with flavors of tropical and citrus fruits, and a bright and mouthwatering acidity. Harvest began in the warmer northern Russian River Valley on August 22nd and slowly progressed south over a three-week span, finally finishing in the cool Green Valley AVA a month later.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Aromas of peach, tangerine, and melon rise out of the glass, followed closely by a wonderful floral note reminiscent of jasmine. Richly textured, the wine possesses mouthwatering acidity that highlights the minerality that is a hallmark of Brumaire Chardonnay.



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