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2014
chardonnay
sweetwater springs vineyard
russian river valley



VINEYARD

Sweetwater Springs Vineyard is located on Westside Road in the heart of the Russian River Valley. With its temperate climate of mild days and cold nights due to its proximity to the Russian River, Sweetwater Springs Vineyard is an optimal site for our Russian River Chardonnay.

Planted on a lower swale next to the small creek running through the property, the Sweetwater Springs Vineyard Chardonnay is 100% Dijon Clone 548. Known for its high fruit quality and aging potential, Clone 548 exhibits bright apple notes, as well as deep stone fruits. The cold microclimate of this block further exemplifies the fresh, bright natural acidity of Clone 548 as well as the site as a whole - the trademark for our Sweetwater Springs Vineyard Chardonnay.

VINTAGE

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, creating ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set throughout the summer. The warm summer accelerated the fruiting cycle, causing an early start to veraison. We harvested our Chardonnay in the before dawn on August 27th, at 22.9° Brix with incredible natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaker strives to allow the site to shine in every wine he produces. The Chardonnay is pressed whole-cluster, allowed to settle via gravity before being transferred to 100% French oak barrels (33% new). At 55 degrees Fahrenheit in natural caves dug deep into the hills in Napa Valley, native primary and secondary fermentation occur lasting upwards of six months. No *bâtonnage* is performed to the barrels to as the intense sunlight of the site creates incredible texture in the fruit. Our Chardonnay is aged in barrels for ten months before a light fining and filtration prior to bottling.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

AVA: Russian River Valley
Production: 125 cases
Alcohol: 13.5%
Lightly Fined + Filtered
Release Date: March 1st, 2016

WINE

The 2014 brick & mortar Sweetwater Springs Vineyard Chardonnay expresses intense aromas of crushed rock, lemon zest and bright stone fruit. The palate is alluring and nervy; it possesses a racy, well-structured body with concentrated minerality and a lingering bright acidity. This is a Chardonnay with great depth and texture while being light on its feet, and is expected to age gracefully for the next 12-15 years.

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