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2020 CHARDONNAY *Russian River Valley*

APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE September 10th and 17th, 2020

pH 3.43

TA 6.5

ABV 13.5%

CASES PRODUCED 245

BARREL REGIMEN Barrel fermented and then aged in Neutral and once used French Oak Barrels

RELEASE DATE March 2022

VINTAGE NOTES

The severe lack of rain at the end of 2020 led to very weak shoot growth and low crop yields in 2021. This will continue to affect the vines in 2022. All that aside, the fires that started August 18th had the largest impact on the 2020 growing season. On August 21st the fires reached the ridge line about 1000 yards behind our estate vineyards.

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay comes from three of the top vineyards in Sonoma County. Great vineyards sites, when well-farmed, produce excellent fruit year after year. The Platt Vineyard, all the way out at the coast in Bodega, produces a spectacular Grand Cru Burgundy style of wine vintage after vintage. This cuvee typically includes grapes from the Ritchie and Bacigalupi Vineyards, which, are famous in their own right. In 2020, because the fires were so close to those vineyards, we did not harvest either of them. As a consequence, the majority of the fruit for the 2020 RRV Chardonnay is from Platt, and the rest is from another Chardonnay vineyard we farm on River Road.

TASTING NOTES

The nose shows notes of Lemon Blossom, Jasmine, and wet slate. On the palate the wine has Meyer Lemon, and White Peach. The wine has a very fresh acidity and an elegant minerality.

This is a great Chardonnay, made in a balanced fashion, from the top vineyards in Sonoma County.

