

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2016

CHARDONNAY

ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY · LONE OAK VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes for this delicious wine come from Lone Oak Vineyard, Kent and Kathy Rosenblum's vineyard in Windsor, Ca. It is located at elevations up to 200 ft. above the Russian river. This hillside vineyard was planted in 1982 with the Old Wente Clone of Chardonnay which has loose clusters and small berries giving us the opportunity for great flavors and disease free fruit. The vineyard has speckles soils which is a mixture of blue shale and red clay and generally has very cool nights and morning fog, with some hot afternoon temperatures. This all adds up to a perfect place to grow world class Chardonnay.

PRODUCTION

Pick Date: 9/7/2016

Yeast: EC1118

Fermentation: fermented in barrel at 48 degrees Fahrenheit

Malolactic: MLW

Barrels: 15% new French oak, 15% new American oak, 70% neutral oak

Bottled: 5/2017

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

I'm grateful to have a family 'hook-up' on this fruit because it is good stuff. I decided to return to cork closure on both of the Chardonnays starting with the 2016 vintage. The cork closure is a better closure for the Chardonnay's aging potential, even though Kathy Rosenblum has deemed it "inconvenient." A cork closure on this Russian River Chardonnay has the potential to age for 20+ years if one so desires. The 2016 is a vibrant version of this wine with beautiful aromas of minerality, caramel cream and butterscotch followed by juicy fruit flavors of mango, apple and angel food cake.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL

14.61%

PH

3.61

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.63g / 100ml

RELEASE DATE

TBD

Residual Sugar:

0g/100ml

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$40



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