

Hunter
Wine Cellars



2012 CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 298 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

The Vintage:

There is very little to say about this dream vintage that has not been said. This textbook vintage couldn't have come out any better if drawn up on a blackboard ahead of time. A warm spring for set and a warm summer sans the requisite excessive heat, even ripening all the way to late September/mid-October made for a combination of high yields (even after multiple passes of dropping fruit) and yes yielding high quality, powerful wines. This vintage eschews the notion of better wines coming from lower yields.

Winemaker's Notes:

Subtle but distinctively Russian River on the nose. When the cork is pulled this proves a wine of magnanimous contrast, crushed rock/wet stone minerality dominate yet allow integration of layers of creamy vanilla. A silky yet muscular contrast with sleek persistent flavors which are apparent immediately and with just the right amount of crispness at the finish without interfering with the creaminess. Airing shows it less powerful than its Sonoma Coast sibling but more vibrantly youthful, as it veers down a different path where everything turns graceful and feminine.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: Unfined/Unfiltered,
February 21, 2014
Yield: 3.2 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L
pH: 3.52
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Dutton Graton's Choice-*Clonal selection: Wente - Hyde*
Lorenzo-*Clonal selection: Wente – source unknown*

Aging:

Fifteen months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 50% new
from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

September 27th and October 13th, at
24.5 degree brix average

Release Date:

May 1, 2014

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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