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Wine Cellars



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**2016 CHARDONNAY**

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**Russian River Valley**

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**The Vintage:**

California's north coast has hit the trifecta with another superb vintage in the last three years. And another growing season following suit with a perfectly balanced crop to vine vigor ratio. A mild summer with very little heat spikes the harvest came in during the mild month of September with spectacularly looking fruit. The beautiful clean fruit taken in during harvest posed no hitches during the fermentation process which has yielded just as beautiful wines.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

A wine of vivid contrasts, this intense bottling appears aggressive in the nose which delivers toasted coconut, vanilla wafer, lemon curd, roasted grain, beeswax. It settles down quickly on the palate to reveal complex layers of pretty green apple and pear fruit that integrates nicely with layers of creamy vanilla, brioche, and nutmeg custard to finish with firming citric and mineral notes. Slightly less powerful than its Sonoma Coast sibling, veering down a different path where the refreshment and focus are high but everything else turns graceful and elegant yet remains weighty.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: March 5, 2018  
Yield: 2.16 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L  
pH: 3.49

**Grape Source:**

West Sonoma County

**Aging:**

Sixteen months in 60 gallon  
French oak barrels: 67% new;  
50% from Tonnellerie  
Sirugue and 50% from  
Francois Freres

**Harvest:**

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at 24.4 degree brix

**Release Date:**

April 1, 2018

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

**Winemaker: William Hunter**

**Production: 250 cases**

**Alcohol: 14.1%**

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