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The Gift of the Land

The Russian River Reserve represents the pinnacle of our Russian River Estate Vineyard, the Winside Vineyard, as a selection from not just the best blocks within the vineyard, but also the best barrels from within those lots. This rigorous selection allows us to craft a wine of extraordinary depth, intensity, and concentration, while at the same time staying true to the terroir of the vineyard. The Winside Vineyard was planted in 1997, and has been farmed by Anne Moller-Racke since its inception.

Almost inky in color, the 2014 Russian River Reserve offers remarkably intense aromas of blackberry, strawberry, and potpourri. Mouth-filling black cherry, boysenberry and plum are joined by delicate wood spice on the palate, with rich ripe tannins contributing structure. Over the course of the long finish, a lovely coffee character starts to emerge. -Dan Fishman, winemaker

FRUIT: Pommard and Dijon 667 clones from the Winside Vineyard

NEW OAK: 71% new French oak (Remond, Gamba, Atelier, Cadus, Francois Frères)

HARVEST DATE: September 8 to 11, 2014

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

BOTTLING DATE: January 25, 2016

PH: 3.67

CASES PRODUCED: 316 cases, 19 magnum cases **TA:** 6.3 g/L

FERMENTATION & AGING DETAILS

The 2014 Russian River Reserve is blended from two lots, one from the Pommard block, and one a co-fermentation of fruit from the Pommard as well the Dijon 667. Both blocks were harvested the second week of September, and showed incredible concentration of fruit in the grapes. Fermentations were slightly slower than usual, allowing the must to remain in contact with the grape skins for over a month. Several punchdowns each day ensured that flavor, color, and tannin was fully extracted from the skins. After completion of primary fermentation the wine was put down to barrel, where it underwent secondary fermentation over the course of the next 2 months. The wine was then allowed to age on lees for about a year, with the final blend selected and assembled in January, 2016.

WEATHER ATTRIBUTES

The 2014 Vintage marked the third year of drought in California as a whole, although in the North Bay we were fortunate to receive heavy storms in February and March which replenished the soils and ponds. The season started early and stayed that way, with mild weather in the spring and warm (but not overly hot) weather through the summer save for a few heat spikes early in June and July which were far enough from harvest to cause few worries. A late heat spike in early October provided energy for the last few blocks, and harvest wrapped up shortly thereafter.

The wines are softer than in 2013, and more accessible in their youth. The vintage evoked some comparisons to 2004, another early year without too many overly hot days. The vintage's evenness led to wines that are well balanced with good acidity, so despite showing well young they should also age well, as we have seen with the 2004s.

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