



BRAVIUM

Russian River Valley

CHARDONNAY

2017



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

A true cool-climate site, Reis Vineyard sits astride a ridgeline blanketed by fog with a view to the Pacific Ocean in the western portion of California's renowned Russian River Valley. The Chardonnay in this bottle is grown in a single vineyard planted to Martini selections. The large diurnal shift experienced at Reis causes acidity to be retained during ripening. Shallow hillside soils reduce water holding capacity, discouraging the vine's vigor and allowing ripening to occur at relatively low degree Brix. All of these terroir attributes result in prototypical Chardonnay characteristics and hallmark Bravium balance.

2017 GROWING SEASON:

Heavy winter rains fell at the start of the growing season in Northern California, a welcome reprieve from the preceding drought years. Soils were recharged and bud break was relatively early, however the weather cooperated throughout the growing season. Late summer heat pushed the grapes to ripeness, though we were ready to harvest at precisely the right time. Grape yields were average and fruit quality was exceptional.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This bright and lively wine reflects the cool-climate Russian River Valley vineyard where it was grown. Brilliant yellow gold in color, with fresh tree and tropical fruit aromas that are highlighted by candied pear, ripe peach, pineapple, brioche, lemon oil, white flowers, vanilla, and clove. Opens with apple, mango, nectarine, and pineapple flavors, with rich honeycomb notes. Concentrated on the palate, with medium to full-bodied richness, this Chardonnay is seamless and powerful. Refreshing acidity balances the complex flavors that linger on the finish of this heady wine.

VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION:

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HARVEST DATES:

September 15, 2017

RELEASE DATE:

March 1, 2019

ALCOHOL:

13.1%

PH:

3.37

TA:

6.3 g/L

AGED:

10 months in French and Hungarian oak [30% New]

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

960 6/750 mL

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift