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TUSI VINEYARD 2024 CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

THE BACKGROUND

The Tusi Vineyard, planted to Chardonnay in 2016, is the single vineyard block chosen for our small lot barrel-fermented Chardonnay. The vineyard, and variety, is deeply influenced by the cool climate and Russian River Valley is a place Chardonnay excels in when planted here. The combination of site, soil, marine fog layers and the nearby Russian River climate result in a wine showing exceptional quality and characteristics of the queen of white wine grapes.

THE VINTAGE

The growing season was preceded by plenty of rain and the spring and summer brought a warm and even growing season to the vintage. This kept maturity at a normal pace and maintained high quality fruit development. Chardonnay grapes for this small lot reserve wine were harvested on September 19th. The resulting fruit from this vineyard showed mild acidity, high aromatics and rounded flavors.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

The bouquet of our Tusi Vineyard Chardonnay shows Crème Brûlée and tropical fruit with a touch of vanilla. Layered flavors of lemon curd, butter and spice follow through to a touch of citrus and toast notes. Medium-bodied, the fruit flavors blend for a creamy, rounded finish. Enjoy now or within three years of release.

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
ESTATE VINEYARD SOURCE	Tusi Vineyard
LOCATION	Valley Floor, Northern Russian River Valley
VINE AGE & FARMING	10 Years Old, Bilateral Cordon Cane Pruned
SOIL	Yolo Silt Loam
WINEMAKING	Grapes crushed, destemmed, and pressed, transferred to a temperature-controlled stainless-steel tank. Inoculated with Montrachet yeast and fermented at 55 F to preserve aromas and freshness. Transferred to barrels to complete primary and secondary fermentations
BARREL AGING	8 months in French Oak barrels, 25% new oak

ALCOHOL 14.5% PH 3.98 TOTAL ACIDITY .480g/100ml CASES PRODUCED 380



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