

# NOTRE VUE ESTATE WINERY

2019

*Russian River Valley*

## Chardonnay Musqué

### WINEMAKER

Alex Holman

### VITICULTURIST

Daniel Charles

### APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay Musque

### ALCOHOL

14.3%

### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5.2 g/L

### CASES PRODUCED

300

### RESIDUAL SUGAR

.5 g/L

### pH

3.73

### VINEYARD

The Russian River Valley appellation, with its cooling fog and ancient loamy soil is a great area for growing world class Chardonnay. With the block's southwesterly exposure, fully ripe fruit character is achieved while cooler nightly temperatures aid in preserving the acidity of the grapes.

### WINEMAKING

This Chardonnay is made from the very unique French clone 809, Chardonnay Musqué. The clone is blessed with a much higher concentration of aromatic terpenes more reminiscent of the Alsatian varieties Riesling and Muscat. This wine was gently pressed and fermented slow at 55 degrees. This wine was not allowed to go through malolactic fermentation and transferred to neutral barrels immediately after primary fermentation. Once in barrel, the wine was stirred constantly Sur-lie style for 3 months to enhance the mouthfeel without compromising the wonderful aromatics. This wine was made with the intention of capturing the unique character of this natural mutation of the Chardonnay clone and its brilliant aromatics.

### WINE

This brilliantly fresh Chardonnay Musqué boasts an underlying richness from time spent "Sur Lie" in neutral French oak barrels. The wine offers aromas of fresh Bartlett pear, lemon juice and white flowers, and follows with a palate of ripe green apples, nectarine, and Asian pears. While this wine will pair beautifully with fruit-based dishes or seafood, it is also fantastic on its own, as its refreshing qualities cannot be understated.

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