

AROMA

crushed chalk, preserved lemons, jasmine flower

FLAVOR

lemongrass, mineral, green pear

FOOD PAIRINGS

Uni on toast, spot prawns, French omelet

VINIFICATION

This remarkably clean fruit was harvested by hand, destemmed, and the berries "broken" before being pressed and transferred to large, temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine was fermented on the fine lees, with no battonage for 7-months and periodically sparged with oxygen to prevent the reduction common in tank wine. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally and finished completely. The wine was sterile filtered to keg.

SITE

A hillside vineyard at 800 feet above Boonville. Features a unique Chardonnay clone called "See Clone." Soil type is decomposed sandstone. Intense daily temperature fluctuations produces late harvest dates and naturally low yields.

NOTES

This for-keg-only wine harkens back to our earliest efforts with Chardonnay when they were fermented in 100% stainless steel. While we have evolved our cellar practices and now employ a combination of old barriques, large format cask, and steel--we felt the keg version of this wine would be better suited to tank only. As such, we blend up a special cuvee from the most expressive tank-fermented lots and break it down into kegs. The name "Rio," or river in Spanish comes from what is the primary influence on the wines grown in the Russian River Valley AVA. This is of course the river itself. This watershed dictates every aspect of its proximate vineyards including soil, ambient temperature, water-table, root-stock, clone selection, and farming protocols.

DETAILS

Vineyards: Donnelly Creek Vineyard	Total acidity: 4.8 g/l
Appellations: AndersonValley	Residual sugar: 0.9 g/l
County: Mendocino	Alcohol: 13.1
Winemaker: John Raytek	Yield: 2 T/acre
Production: 100 kegs	Clones: "See"
Anticipated maturity: Now	Harvest date: 10/2/2016
pH: 3.6	Bottling date: 6/30/2017
Brix: 22.4	



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