



## 2014 MEDINA VINEYARD

Chardonnay, Russian River Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Medina Vineyard is located in the Green Valley Appellation of the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1969, it rests on a gentle, rolling slope with a western exposure that offers good sunlight throughout the day. The vineyard is composed of the infamous Goldridge sandy loam soils which produce vines of moderate vigor. The coastal influence produces daytime temperatures that allow the grapes to slowly develop full ripeness while retaining perfect balance. Nickel & Nickel produces Chardonnay from a 14-acre block within the 43-acre vineyard.

### HARVEST NOTES

The marine influence has a distinct influence on the character of Russian River Chardonnay, offering vibrant acidity and a floral expression to the fruit. In 2014, a warm, dry spring led to an early bud break and bloom. The canopies were very healthy and the crop load was normal. Leaves were stripped around the fruiting zone, exposing the fruit as much as possible. Fog lingered during the summer in this area, with few sunny mornings delaying veraison. Warmer temperatures in early September encouraged flavor development and we harvested this vineyard just as the rains came late September.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2014 Medina Vineyard Chardonnay is a very refreshing wine with gorgeous, floral aromas leading to bright flavors of lemon-lime, tangerine, honeysuckle and Muscat on the palate. Spicy oak complements these flavors, while a backbone of vibrant acidity becomes refreshingly dry on the finish.

**APPELLATION**  
Russian River Valley

**VARIETAL**  
100% Chardonnay

**AGING**  
French oak barrels  
(52% new, 48% once-used)

**RELEASE DATE**  
March 2016

**HARVEST DATE**  
September 27, 2014

**FERMENTATION**  
Whole cluster pressed  
barrel fermented (no ML)

**TIME**  
9 months

**FIRST VINTAGE**  
2005

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