

Papapietro Perry

2013

PETERS VINEYARD

<u>Russian River Valley</u> CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the Russian River Valley appellation, lies Peters Vineyard, the backbone of our production. An ideal location for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, this former apple orchard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the mornings and evenings, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit, and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine.

Peters Vineyard was our first-ever vineyard designate, and we continue to enjoy a close relationship with grower Randy Peters. His expert vineyard management helps us to consistently produce this incredibly luscious wine.

We have refined our winemaking techniques over time for this compelling Chardonnay site. We pick the grapes when they reach optimal ripeness; when there are fresh primary fruit flavors with plenty of acidity. We press the whole cluster grapes right away into a small holding tank to settle. Once most of the solids have settled, we move the wine from tank to a combination of new and 1-2 year old Francois Fréres French oak barrels for fermentation. We inoculate the Chardonnay juice with cultured yeast and let the juice ferment at relatively cool temperatures until dry. The wine then ages for 11 – 14 months in barrel.

Ben R. Capapiella

TASTING NOTES

Golden straw in color and a delightful nose of sweet lemon and subtle tropical notes. On the palate the wine presents nice complexity with layers of Meyer lemon, apple and toasted coconut. It is a medium bodied wine with fresh and balanced acidity with a fresh and lasting finish.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: September 14, 2013

Alcohol: 14.1%

Cooperage: 14 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 3 year-old

Bottled: January 8, 2015

Production: 165 cases 750 ml

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