

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2014 Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Located in the hills on the southwest corner of the Russian River Valley, the Heintz Vineyard is perfectly situated for a long, slow growing season. Grown in prized Goldridge soil, the wine exhibits the quintessential dusty and quartz-like aromatics and flavor of this site. The warm days and cold nights result in a tropical fruit profile with refreshing acidity and fine balance. Apple pie spices mix with Comice pear and lemon curd notes both in the nose and on the palate. The finish is refreshing with an elegant mineral component that is unmistakable. Drink now or age 5-7 years.

THE VINEYARD

This vineyard site has belonged to the Heintz family for over 100 years. In 1980, it was planted with clone 4 Chardonnay. Located in the Russian River Valley town of Occidental and sitting at an elevation of 1,000 feet, cool foggy evenings and warm sunny days allow the grapes an extended hang time, producing fruit with high acid levels that give great structure and balance to the wine.

HARVEST 2014

After two stellar vintages, 2014 completes the trifecta of high quality growing seasons where the wines exhibit purity of place with generous fruit and elegant textures. The season began as one of the driest winters on record with only 40% of normal rainfall by mid-season. April rains replenished the soil's moisture profile to re-invigorate the plants, boost growth, and help set a bountiful crop. The harvest season was near perfect with warm temperatures allowing for a leisurely picking schedule. 2014 is a superb vintage of compelling nature and will develop well with long range cellaring.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 24% new, 17% 1 yr., 18% 2 yr., 41% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.21

TA: 0.65g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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