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2013 BANFIELD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The Chardonnay blocks in Banfield Vineyard are some of the coolest sites we work with. The vineyard sits in a protected pocket of the Russian River Valley that collects cool air in the mornings, and warms up slowly only when the morning sun peeks over the surrounding hills. This unique microclimate is expressed quite transparently in the wine with delicate, sweet floral notes prevailing on the nose, and an elegance, lightness, and minerality driving the palate. Aromas of lime curd, orange blossom, wet granite, and baking spices emanate from the glass. The wine is silky on the mid-palate, with notes of pear skin, spiced pear, and lemon oil carrying the long finish.

Drink 2015 through 2025.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Banfield Vineyard Chardonnay comes from the northern edge of the Green Valley, a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley. The location of this vineyard is ideal for growing Chardonnay due to the cooling influence of coastal fog. This dry farmed vineyard was planted in 1980 to the Wente Selection of Chardonnay, a highly prized selection of Chardonnay known for its small, loose clusters and intensely flavored grapes. The 30+ year old vines are rare in the Russian River Valley and produce lower yields per acre. What's lost in tonnage is more than compensated for in flavor and quality as is evidenced through the wines produced year after year. The combination of site and vine age represent a truly unique and distinct vineyard that we are proud to work with.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Source: 100% Banfield Vineyard

Barrel Program: 40% new French oak, 60% neutral barrels

TA: 5.4 g/L

pH: 3.59

RS: <0.1 g/L

Alc: 14.5%

Released: Spring 2015

Cases Produced: 163