

## 2001 Chardonnay Walker Station Vineyard Russian River Valley

### Vineyard

- ◆ Owner/Mgr: Walker Family/Harry Walker
- ◆ Appellation: Russian River Valley/Green Valley sub-appellation
- ◆ Clone: Old Wente selection, small cluster selection
- ◆ Age: 29 years
- ◆ Site: Southwestern exposure, Blucher gravelly clay loam
- ◆ Yield: 1.0 tons/acre

### Harvest

- ◆ Harvest Dates: Upper Vineyard - October 2  
Lower Vineyard October 21, 2001
- ◆ Harvest Brix: Upper Vineyard - 24.1°, Lower Vineyard 22.3°
- ◆ Growing Season: An early spring in the Russian River Valley set a large crop, requiring extensive work in the vineyard to manage the yield for optimum flavor intensity and richness in the grapes. Cool weather in late September and October extended the harvest providing for enhanced flavor development

### Winemaking

- ◆ Hand harvested grapes
- ◆ Whole cluster, direct to press
- ◆ Barrel fermented with indigenous yeasts, 9 months to completion
- ◆ Concurrent native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- ◆ Barrel aged 10 months, 64% new French oak, *sur lies* and stirred
- ◆ Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, January 2003

### Notes

- ◆ This stylish 2001 Walker Station Chardonnay is distinguished by distinct layered character of the citrus fruit. Aromas of mandarin orange, spearmint, honeysuckle, and nutmeg. On the palate, the wine is lively, full-bodied and rich. It shows luxurious citrus flavors with a touch of vanilla and nice lengthy buttery finish. Alcohol 14.7%.

104 cases produced