

2002
CHARDONNAY
WALKER STATION VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- ◆ OWNER/MGR: WALKER FAMILY/HARRY WALKER
APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY/GREEN VALLEY
- ◆ CLONE: OLD WENTE SELECTION, SMALL CLUSTER SELECTION
- ◆ AGE: 30 YEARS
- ◆ SITE: SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSURE, BLUCHER GRAVELLY CLAY LOAM
- ◆ YIELD: 1.0 TONS/ACRE

HARVEST

- ◆ HARVEST DATES: SEPTEMBER 29 – NOVEMBER 2, 2002
- ◆ HARVEST BRIX: UPPER VINEYARD – 24.1°, LOWER VINEYARD – 22.3°
- ◆ GROWING SEASON: A COLD SPRING WHICH RESULTED IN LATE BUD BREAK, FOLLOWED BY A RELATIVELY WARM SUMMER, PRODUCED CONCENTRATED, BIG-STYLE WINES. ADDITIONALLY, MUCH WORK IN THE VINEYARD TO LIMIT A LARGE CROP SET HELPED TO FURTHER OPTIMIZE FLAVOR INTENSITY AND RICHNESS IN THE GRAPES.

WINEMAKING

- ◆ HAND-HARVESTED GRAPES
- ◆ WHOLE CLUSTER PRESS
- ◆ BARREL FERMENTED WITH INDIGENOUS YEASTS; 9 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ CONCURRENT NATIVE MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN BARRELS; 9 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ BARREL AGED 15 MONTHS, 75% NEW FRENCH OAK, SUR LIES AND STIRRED
- ◆ UNBLENDED, UNFINED AND UNFILTERED; BOTTLED JANUARY 2004

NOTES

- ◆ THIS STYLISH VINTAGE IS DISTINGUISHED BY ITS COMPLEX LAYERS OF CITRUS FRUIT. THE NOSE BOASTS AROMAS OF LIME, SPEARMINT, HONEYSUCKLE, AND NUTMEG. ON THE PALATE, THE WINE IS FULL-BODIED AND RICH AND SHOWS LUXURIOUS CITRUS FLAVORS WITH A TOUCH OF VANILLA AND A NICE, LENGTHY BUTTERY FINISH. ALCOHOL 14.7%.

83 CASES PRODUCED