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2011 CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Properties: Edward James Estate, Ellen Lane Estate, Ross Station Estate, O'Connor, Ulises Valdez
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selections: Wente, Bato, Calera, 15, Mt. Eden, Robert Young
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; soils all derived from weathered sandstone including Goldridge series, brown sandy loam and sandy clay
- Yields: 1.4 – 4.4 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: September 23 – October 3
- Harvest Brix: 23.3° – 24.5°
- Growing Season: 2011 began with a wet winter and spring across Sonoma and Napa Counties. Summer was warm, and as harvest approached temperatures rose. Our chardonnay ripened fully and evenly, allowing sugars and acid to develop in balance. The wines from 2011 are bright, expressive and faceted.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Whole cluster, direct to press, cold
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts; 3-5 months to completion
- Concurrent native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 11 months in French oak barrels; 46% new
- Aged *sur lies*; biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2013

NOTES

- The quintessential Russian River Valley Chardonnay, this wine offers a lustrous pale straw hue and lively aromas of citrus, nectarine and yellow flowers. The supple texture and seamlessly structured palate are layered with white peach, apricot, lemon zest and Gravenstein apple. Notes of minerality linger over the long, pleasurable finish. Alcohol 14.2%