

2010 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Pears and cinnamon direct the aromas of this wine. Flavors of ripe apples, almonds and a hint of vanilla are broad across the palate. In the mouth there is a richness that is balanced by the citrus finish. Citrus blossom and heady aromas of Asian pear, peach, lilac, and nectarine intermingle with quince and mineral notes. Subtle toasty oak gives way to rich flavors of ripe pears, brioche, peaches and cream, and nutmeg spice, followed by a long mineral finish. Very nicely-focused and delineated in the mid palate. Drink now or for years to come. A great example of a concentrated and zesty Russian River Valley Chardonnay, grown in a very cool year, with grapes grown by Joe Rochioli from one of the iconic vineyards in the area.

—Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970's, and produces low yields of exceptional quality.

HARVEST 2010

The 2010 vintage produced wines reflective of each individual vineyard site and appellation with concentrated aromas, rich fruit flavors, nicely balanced acidity and supple tannin structure. The hallmark of the 2010 vintage is one of extremes; between cool, early season temperatures and extreme late season heat, wines of tremendous character were made through careful attention to detail.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 28% new oak, 6% 1-year, 22% 2-year, 44% 3+ year

Barrel Aged: 17 months

pH: 3.41

TA: 0.66g/100mL Alc: 14.6%

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