

# KANZLER

FAMILY VINEYARDS

## 2014 Russian River Valley Chardonnay

### Deftly Balanced

A blend of two vineyards featuring local, heritage clones, as well as cuttings from famous Burgundy vineyards, our Chardonnay deftly walks the line between the fruit-forward new world style and the crisp, mineral style of the great French Burgundies.



### Wine Profile

#### Tasting Notes

Kanzler Vineyard's 2014 Russian River Valley Chardonnay has a bouquet anchored by fig and nectarine with nuances of crème brûlée, papaya and cinnamon. Neither lean nor voluptuous on the palate, the wine strikes a deft balance with a silky texture and notes of peach, apricot and a kiss of toasty French oak on the mid-palate transitioning to citrus fruits as the wine glides along to finish with a soft and creamy acid backbone and pleasing flint and river stone minerality.

#### Vineyard Notes

Sourced from two vineyards in the cool Green Valley region of the Russian River Valley AVA, Lolita Ranch is located on a steep, east-facing hillside and features Robert Young clone 17 and Dijon clone 76. John Dory Vineyard is located a few miles further south on a gentler, east-facing slope and is planted to a special selection of Chardonnay sourced from a famous vineyard in the Cote d'Or.

#### Production Notes

286 cases produced.

#### Winemaker Notes

After arrival at the winery the hand-picked grapes were pressed with a long, slow, gentle cycle. The juice is chilled and settled overnight then transferred to 100% French oak barrels to ferment using yeasts selected to promote the fruit's natural characteristics. In spring, the barrels undergo malolactic fermentation, which was suspended before completion to maintain the desired acid profile. After 11 months in barrel, the wine was transferred to tank for an additional 3 months of aging and integration. Prior to bottling the wine was gently filtered for brilliance and stability.

#### Harvest Notes

A dry and warm winter led to early bud break and earlier than usual harvest, but with consistent weather and extended picking windows, 2014 was another excellent growing season.

### Wine Specs

<b>Vintage</b>	2014
<b>Varietal</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Appellation</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date</b>	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> to Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2014
<b>Aging</b>	14 months
<b>Bottling Date</b>	January 4, 2016
<b>Alcohol %</b>	14.4% by volume