



# BRIVIUM

*Russian River Valley*

CHARDONNAY

2016



#### VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Sourced from the cool-climate of the western portion of California's Russian River Valley, the Reis Vineyard sits astride a ridgeline blanketed by fog and a view of the Pacific Ocean. This single vineyard Chardonnay is planted to Martini selections which - combined with the large diurnal shift experienced at Reis - allows for acidity to be retained during ripening. Shallow hillside soils also allow for ripening to occur at a relatively low degree Brix. The combination of these terroir attributes provide prototypical Chardonnay character and hallmark Bravium balance.

#### 2016 GROWING SEASON:

Abundant rainfall characterized the start of the growing season in Russian River Valley and was a welcome reprieve from four years of drought conditions. Soils were recharged and the weather cooperated throughout the growing season, from early bud break to relatively moderate temperatures experienced in August and September. This even ripening allowed us to pick the grapes at precisely the right time and the cooperative weather made this vintage special. Grape yields were normal and quality was exceptional.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This bright and balanced wine perfectly reflects the cool-climate Russian River Valley vineyard where it was grown. Brilliant yellow-gold in color, with fresh tree and tropical fruit aromas that are highlighted by candied apple, ripe peach, pineapple, brioche, lemon oil, white flowers, and sea spray. The wine opens with gorgeous sweet apple and pineapple fruit flavors, with vanilla and honeycomb notes. A finely-textured, invigorating mouthfeel, with a generous mid-palate and medium-plus acidity, is framed by crisp fruit and subtle oak-derived flavors. Hints of herbal tea give way to flinty minerality and refreshing acidity. The complex flavors linger on the finish of this racy and lively Chardonnay.

#### VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

#### APPELLATION:

Russian River Valley

#### HARVEST DATES:

September 15 and 16, 2016

#### RELEASE DATE:

January 1, 2018

#### ALCOHOL:

13.5%

#### PH:

3.28

#### TA:

5.9 g/L

#### AGED:

11 months in French and Hungarian oak [33% New]

#### COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

#### CASES PRODUCED:

4,201 6-packs

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Bravium

Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift