



## 2015 Chardonnay Mirabelle Vineyard

**ORIGIN:** Mirabelle is a beautiful vineyard located along Wohler Road in the heart of Russian River Valley. It lies on the valley floor, where dense fog frequently settles, keeping the ripening progress at a slow pace. Fertile soil leads to healthy vines that produce classic Russian River Valley aromas and flavors.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Mirabelle Vineyard is cordon pruned and planted to clone 95 Chardonnay. This clone yields small clusters and small berries, which contribute to pure, concentrated flavors and aromas. After a warm and consistent growing season, we harvested our Mirabelle grapes by hand during the night of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, which ensured that the fruit arrived cool and in pristine condition to our winery.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The harvested grapes were put directly as whole clusters into our tank press. A gentle press cycle was used to keep tannin and bitterness out of the juice. The juice was then fermented in tank at a very cool 65 degrees F for four weeks. When fermentation was complete, the wine was then barreled down to French oak barrels, about 20% of which were new, unused barrels. This judicious use of new oak gives the wine just a subtle essence of toast and spice but does not overpower Mirabelle's complex aromas and flavors. After aging for ten months in barrel, the wine was bottled on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**TASTING NOTES:** Mirabelle Vineyard Chardonnay opens with a bright lime-citrus nose, which is made more compelling by underlying notes of pineapple, peach and Fuji apple. While the palate is graceful and delicate, its lovely balance between lushness and refreshing acidity invites one sip after another!

This vintage produced just 3 barrels, 80 (750 ml) cases



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