



2013 MEDINA VINEYARD

Chardonnay, Russian River Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Medina Vineyard is located in the Green Valley Appellation of the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1969, it rests on a gentle, rolling slope with a western exposure that offers good sunlight throughout the day. The vineyard is composed of the infamous Goldridge sandy loam soils which produce vines of moderate vigor. The coastal influence produces daytime temperatures that allow the grapes to slowly develop full ripeness while retaining perfect balance. Nickel & Nickel produces Chardonnay from a 14-acre block within the 43-acre vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

Another remarkable growing season led to an outstanding year in the Russian River Valley. A warm, dry spring led to an early budbreak and beautiful weather conditions continued through the season. The canopies were healthy with a large crop load. We removed leaves around the fruiting zone, exposing the fruit as much as possible. The cool, foggy mornings helped retain natural acidity, while the warmer afternoons developed flavor. With the exception of one heat spike in early July, the temperatures were ideal for ripening. We harvested one block early, when the floral flavors peaked, and waited for the last block's beautiful, Muscat flavors to develop.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2013 Nickel & Nickel Medina Vineyard Chardonnay offers delicate aromas of flowers and spice, with flavors of Muscat, pear and lemon rind expressed on the palate. The lemon-lime acidity is refreshing, along with hints of stone and spicy oak. The fruit notes are forward upon entry with a nice balance that becomes dry on the finish, beckoning for another sip.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

AGING

French oak barrels
(60% new, 40% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

March 2015

HARVEST DATES

September 21 - October 2, 2013

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed
barrel fermented (no ML)

TIME

9 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2005