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# The CALLING

Russian River Valley

SEARBY VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

2015

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## BACKGROUND

Searby Vineyard is located in the exceptionally cool Green Valley sub-AVA of the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1972, on a gentle west-facing slope, this ten-acre vineyard is known for its dry-farmed, sandy loam soils and the cool maritime influence of the Pacific.

## APPELLATION

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

## SOURCING

Searby Vineyard

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

## WINEMAKING

Hand-picked fruit from the 45-year-old Searby Vineyard was barrel-fermented with native yeasts followed by 100% malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged sur lie for 15 months in French oak.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage in the Russian River Valley has been widely acclaimed. An early harvest produced smaller berries with concentrated flavors and good balance. The growing season was mild and dry and the wines offer intense color and aromas.

## OAK AGING

100% French Oak, 30% new

## TIME IN OAK

15 months

## TASTING NOTES

Aromas of Asian pear and crushed white rose petals entice on the nose, and notes of passion fruit, sweet spice and lemon tart combine into a complex, evolving palate. The lively, crisp minerality invokes the elegance of the cool-climate Russian River Valley. With an opulent mouthfeel and precisely balanced acidity, this is a Chardonnay to drink now and with good aging potential.

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.56    TA 5.9 g/L    RS 1.5 g/L    Alc. 13.9%

## WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

## FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz