

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## **VINEYARDS**

**Appellation** Russian River Valley

Sites 100% Cole Creek Vineyard

**Soil & Clonal Selection** Cole Creek Vineyard consists of very gravelly Felta clay loam. It is planted with Syrah

Alban Selection, Clone 174 and a special Australian selection, along with 6% Viognier.

**Planted** The vineyard was planted to our specifications in 2006.

VINTAGE

**Growing Season** The 2012 growing season was close to ideal with temperate and steady temperatures

that produced a long, moderate growing season with extended hang time and even

ripening.

Brix | Harvest Date 24.3° average | October 1st

## WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon 94% Syrah and 6% Viognier, co-fermented

**Fermentation** Fermented in tank as 75% destemmed fruit with 25% whole Syrah clusters.

Native- yeast and malolactic fermentations.

**Aging** The wine rested *sur lies* for 19 months in 28% new French barrels from François Frères

and Demptos. The 2012 vintage was bottled without filtration in June, 2014.

Cases | Release Date 88 | August 2014

**Alcohol** 14.5%

"Our Syrahs are grown in the cool climate of the Sonoma Coast which offers a style reminiscent of the Northern Rhone regions of Hermitage and Cornas: aromas and flavors of smoked meat, white pepper, green olive and grapefruit, coupled with a silky texture and savory flavor. This is the first bottling from this exceptionally situated site, which we helped design the layout of."

- David Ramey