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2011 ANDERSON VALLEY LATE HARVEST CHARDONNAY – SPLIT RAIL VINEYARD

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2011 vintage was one of the coldest growing seasons in memory. In the vineyard, we benefited from our experience as cool-climate winegrowers, and the exacting control we are able to apply to our Estate vineyards. We adjusted practices to compensate for the weather, with extra leaf pulling and vineyard-floor cultivation. We also did extensive fruit drops in multiple passes to encourage complete ripening, with overall yields of approximately 2 tons per acre. The long, temperate season allowed for extended hang time, and the majority of our grapes were harvested before the rains. The resulting wines are bright and elegant with slightly lower alcohols, lovely aromatics, natural acidity and pure fruit flavors.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

A voluptuous texture and rich concentrated elements of candied apricot, honey, citrus blossom, toasted hazelnut, diesel and honeysuckle, this is a lush and layered expression of late harvest Chardonnay. At the same time, the cool vintage preserved ideal acidity in the wine, adding brightness and poise to Split Rail's signature citrus and mineral flavors.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: October 3 – October 13, 2011

Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.5° Brix

1 Vineyard Harvested

COOPERAGE

100% Barrel Fermentation

100% French Oak

100% Second Vintage

Barrel Aging: 10 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 12%

Residual Sugar: +22 g/l

0.84 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.86

Bottled: June 2012

Release Date: March 2013



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