

# Croix 2012 Starling Morelli Roost Chardonnay, Russian River Valley

## At The Cross :

Each year the Starlings come by the hundreds to roost in the ancient oaks found at the crossing of Morelli Lane and a view to the Pacific. It is a primordial vineyard location showered in a vocal swarm of dancing birds, set upon million-year-old sediments, blanketed in cold air, and pierced by continual sun exposure.

Ideal conditions for inducing perfection in the glass.

## Illustration :

### : Winemaker's Insight :

A broad and bold approach, this wine has a golden straw presence in the glass with a bouquet of raw honey, marmalade, fresh citrus zest, toasted pine nuts, rocky flints, all spice, toasted oak and lusciousness on the nose that is ever so inviting. Island ripe pineapple, apple, stone fruit, and crisp pear fill the mouth. The balance of fresh and savory draws you in for another taste. Anticipated maturity window: 2015 to 2018.

### : Vineyard Technicals :

Elevation : 777.02 ft | Slope : 3.8% | Aspect : Southeast | Degree Days : 2669

Region : Green Valley, Russian River Valley | Continuity : 30.56 Acres

Soils : Goldridge, Sandy Loam | Grower : Steve Dutton, Dutton Ranch Viticulture

### : Harvest & Cellar Technicals :

Harvest Date : September 3, 2012 | Tonnage : 3.08 | Post Sorting Yield : 2.63 Tons

Fermentation : Whole Cluster Press | Barrel Fermented : 40% New, 60% Used

Malolactic Fermentation : 25% | Aged Sur Lie : 3 Months | Ageing : 13 Months

Fining : Rack and Return | Bottling : Unfiltered | Bottle Ageing : 9 Months

Domestic Focus : 100% On-Premise

1,200 Bottles Produced

