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Croix 2015 Narrow Gauge Chardonnay, Russian River Valley

Convergence :

It was the Carter brothers, in an act of political and economic defiance, that introduced the narrow gauge movement in the late 1870's—a direct challenge to hegemony of the Central Pacific Railroads' grip on the transportation of goods. Only when the more affordable and nimble narrow gauge tracks and trains were put into place in northern California did we see the rapid expansion of agricultural and industrial development take place. Without this revolution, Sonoma County would not be the agricultural and winemaking powerhouse that it is today. Our Narrow Gauge Pinot Noir celebrates the historical significance of such a movement.

Proprietor & Winemaker, Kirk P. Venge

: Winemaker's Insight :

Our "Narrow Gauge" production of Chardonnay is a blend of select vineyards throughout Russian River Valley. With access to several sites in the appellation, we felt compelled to create a wine that expresses the regional position in its entirety. A fuller and broader style of Chardonnay, 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 :

Morelli Lane Vineyard, Dutton Ranch : Floodgate Vineyard :
Bacigalupi Vineyard | Region : Russian River Valley

: Harvest & Cellar Technicals :

Harvest Date : September 9, 11, and 17, 2015 | Tonnage : 8.23 | Post Sorting
Yield : 7.11 Tons Pre-Fermentation : Whole Cluster Press | 100% Barrel Fermentation:
100% Native Yeast | Fermentation Duration : 18 Days | Oak: 40% New | Ageing : 15 Months |
Fining : Rack and Return | Bottling : Unfiltered

Suggested Retail: \$50 per 750ml

375 Cases Produced