Paul Mathew Vineyards

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Appellation
Russian River Valley
Green Valley

Vineyards
100%
Weeks Vineyard

Alcohol
13.9%

pH
3.45

Titratable Acidity
6.8 g/L

Barrel Aging
10 months
100% French Oak
33% New Oak

Cases Produced
210 cases

Suggested Retail
$38

2014 Weeks Vineyard Chardonnay

Winemaking Philosophy
We are committed to low input winemaking utilizing uninoculated primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation. This process is much slower and more time consuming but produces wine lush on the palate with seamless flavors. Low input winemaking also includes gravity flow movements of wine, minimal acid adjustments, minimal SO2 additions, racking only once in barrel, no fining and no filtering when possible.

Vineyards
Weeks Vineyard is on Occidental Road near Jonive total of nine acres planted to chardonnay on Goldridge soil. Planting began in the 1980's to wente clone. This vineyard is located 2 miles east of the town of Occidental. Because of the low yields and high acidity this vineyard works well with our winemaking style. It is south facing on an 8% slope at 672 foot elevation.

Winemaking
Grapes came in September 27th at 22.3 Brix. The grapes were pressed whole cluster to tank for overnight settling then put to barrel with about 50% of the solids. We had nine French oak barrels, three new. The fermentation lasted 41 days, very slow and steady, then went through malolactic fermentation for another 11 weeks. Nothing was added to the wine except sulphites. The wine was bottled in late August 2015.

Winemakers Notes
Bright golden yellow color, this wine shows apple, pear, honey and vanilla on the nose. This Medium body wine has great balance with soft acid and creamy texture with flavors of pear, honey, clove, green apple, and a kiss of butter lead to a long creamy finish.