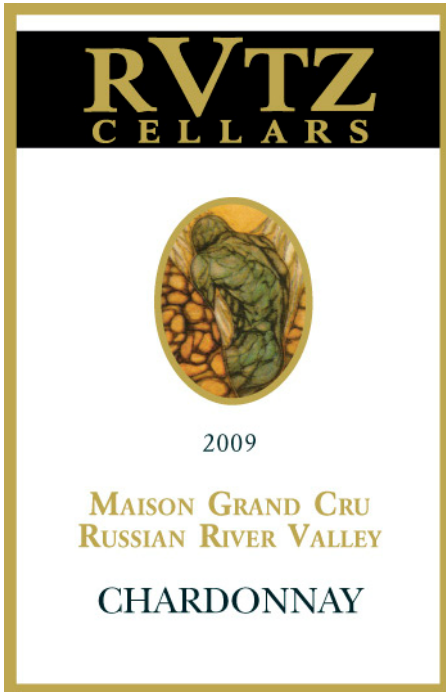


2009 Maison Grand Cru Russian River Valley Chardonnay



Release Notes

The new release of our 2009 Rutz Cellars Maison Grand Cru Russian River Valley chardonnay is a statement of true balance between the harmony of the fruit and ever-so slight touch of oak that it rests on. "Less is better". Keith Rutz has chartered his "proprietary" designation of "Maison Grand Cru" to redefine the limits to which "pedigree" and "style" in a wine can coexist. The "balance" he so often refers to is not only between the fruit and the oak....but carefully crafted towards "style and grace". In order to achieve this "balance" ..one must focus on the "all the elements: sun, stars, air, soil, humidity,....OUR OWN cave temperament (how it reacts)....OUR OWN "Terroir"....No one can duplicate "OUR terroir" and OUR caves! It is PROPRIETARY TO RUTZ CELLARS! Years now of growing minerals inside of our 20 year old caves...it is the air flow within the caves that our barrels rest ...awaiting a new bottling. High 95% humidity, 59 degree constant temperature constitutes a terroir only of OUR making. Although the alcohol present in this wine is high (14.4%) it has blown off ever-so gently

Tasting Notes

Ripe citrus grapefruit, lime, and tangerine abuts a framework of limestone minerals in its core with a hint of perfumed violets that touches the senses.

Statistics

Harvest: October 2009

Alcohol: 14.4%

PH: 3.45

Total Acid: .056 g/100ml



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