

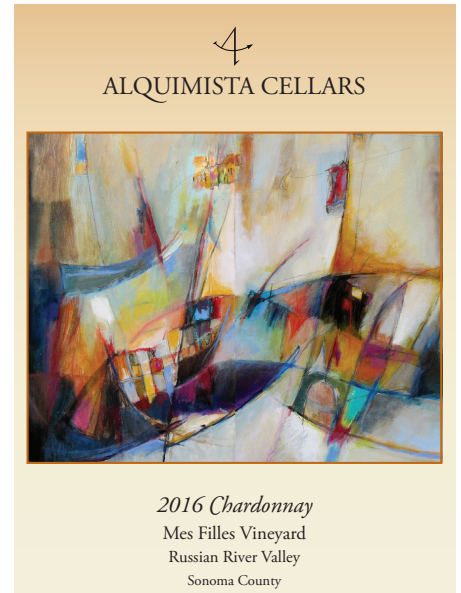


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## 2016 Mes Filles Vineyard Chardonnay - Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

The Mes Filles Vineyard has been named by the American Grand Cru Society as one of California's "Grand Cru"- designated vineyards. Occupying a hill adjacent to the Petaluma Gap and its coastal fog, this is the last vineyard in the SW corner of the Russian River Valley.

**TASTING NOTES** – Cool coastal aromas of hillside heather, savory spices and citronella are nicely framed by a kiss of oak and apple/pear with a faint whisper of white pineapple. The palate is slightly briny, further evoking the vineyard's maritime influence, leading into a building intensity on the palate that is directed by the bracing acidity. Fruits of Bosque pear and white pineapple on mouth echo the aromas, with a late, lingering mineral finish.



Label artwork by Carole Rae Watanabe  
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### Technical Data

- **Vineyards:** Dijon 95 and Robert Young clones on this 0.9-acre Sebastopol Hills Chardonnay block are planted in Goldridge sandy loam with a modified double Guyot vertical-shoot-positioned trellis.
- **Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- **Harvest:** Commenced on October 3rd, the earliest non-rain-induced harvest ever for this site. In 2016, we were able to take our time allowing acidity to balance with the flavors.
- **Fermentation:** Barrel fermented both primary and secondary with indigenous yeast.
- **Barrel Aging:** *Elevage sur lies* with stirring first weekly and then monthly after 10 weeks. Left on the lees for 10 months. One quarter each of new to thrice used French barrels.
- **Production:** 100 Cases of this classic coastal Chardonnay, \$53 per bottle retail
- **Analysis:**
  - **Alcohol:** 14.9%
  - **pH:** 3.33
  - **TA:** 7.01
  - **Residual Sugar:** 0.22 g/L (very dry)