RADIO COTEAU SAVOY VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

100% Chardonnay. The Radio-Coteau Savoy Chardonnay from Anderson Valley exhibits aromas and palate that belie its provenance. The combination of Wente and Prosser clones provide a fruit character depth not necessarily realized independently by each clone. Here they blend symbiotically to evoke tones of toasted honey crisp apple and baked pear. These fruit elements are countered by pineapple tropical tone and conclude with fresh cantaloupe. Above a modestly stated earthen minerality float tones of sweet baking spices, a light toast, and a nuttiness associated with almond skin. Finally a desirable richness akin to that of crème-fraîche rounds out the palate and the mouthfeel. Organic.

Burgundy has proven that quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir can be grown in the same soil, Corton hill being the classic example. Wines from this special place inspired Radio-Coteau's decision to make Chardonnay from the Savoy Vineyard, whose soil and climate are also ideal for both Burgundian varietals. The 2014 vintage of Savoy Chardonnay marks a decade of working with these noble grapes. Comprised of 70% Wente and 30% Prosser, the site expression continues to be impressive, which demonstrates an extension of the interplay between these two clones.

Radio-Coteau works closely with select cool-climate coastal vineyard sites in Western Sonoma County and Anderson Valley to produce wines with vibrant, balanced fruit and a distinct sense of place. Focus is on organic, detailed viticulture in conjunction with a natural, non-interventionist approach in the cellar to more accurately reflect the unique character of each site and season. The winery is situated in Sebastopol, and the estate vineyard is located in the hills above Occidental, California.

Radio-Coteau (rā' dē ō - kō tō') *adj.* A colloquial expression suggesting "word of mouth" from the Northern Rhone. Literal Translation: broadcasting from the hillside.

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