



# BRAVIUM

*Anderson Valley*

CHARDONNAY

2021



#### VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Valley Foothills Vineyard rests in the heart of Anderson Valley where the morning marine layer does battle with afternoon warmth and sun. The Chardonnay in this bottle is grown in two blocks planted to Dijon selections. The cool nights at Valley Foothills Vineyard allow acidity to be retained during ripening. The resulting wine is intense, with lively fruit flavors and a lengthy, saline-tinged finish.

#### 2021 GROWING SEASON:

Dry conditions at the start of the growing season in Anderson Valley were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence. The Deep End of Anderson Valley is a true cool-climate region. Grape yields were slightly lower than average, and quality was very good in this vintage.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This vivacious wine reflects the well-sited vineyard where it was grown. Pale-gold in color, with lemon, walnut, clove spice, exotic white flowers, and saltwater taffy aromas. Opens with lemon meringue and apple pie flavors, with a lightly creamy mid-palate and medium-plus acidity. This Chardonnay is fully realized, deftly walking a tightrope balanced between generosity and elegance. Persistent and complex flavors—with a transparent soil signature—linger on the finish of this delicious wine.

#### VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

#### CLONES:

4, 76, 548

#### APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley

#### HARVEST DATES:

September 10 and 14, 2021

#### RELEASE DATE:

June 1, 2023

#### ALCOHOL:

14.2%

#### PH:

3.40

#### TA:

5.7 g/L

#### BARRELS:

Aged 10 months in French and Hungarian oak (18% New)

#### COOPERAGES:

Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

#### CASES PRODUCED:

1,920 750ml Six-Packs

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift

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