



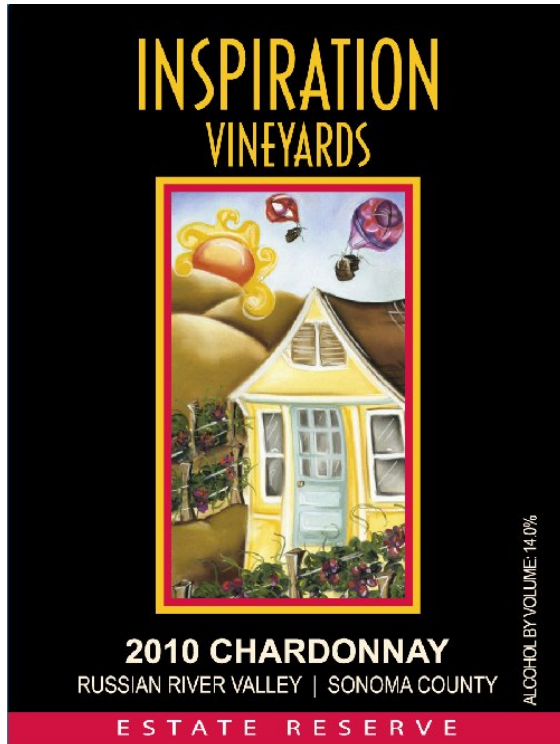
## INSPIRATION VINEYARDS & WINERY

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### 2010 Chardonnay ~ Estate Reserve, Russian River Valley Technical Information



**Vineyard:** Inspiration Vineyards, Estate

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Varietal Blend:** Dijon Clone 4 on 5c rootstock

**Harvest Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010

**Brix at Harvest:** 23.9°

**Total Acid:** .76 g/L

**pH:** 3.23

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Fermentation / Cellaring:** Split in two lots with two different yeasts, fermentation occurred in tank at 40° F for the first two weeks followed by 16 months of aging in a combination of French & European oak barrels. Only 10 % of our barrels are new, allowing us to produce a wine that is French inspired. The wine was then sur lees aged until bottling, employing a French technique called "batonage."

**Bottling Date:** February 27<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Release Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

**Cases Produced:** 225

From our own vineyard in the Russian River Valley, our reserve was harvested over a period of three weeks. We then fermented this in five separate lots using two different cultured yeasts and one natural yeast. What resulted was a fantastic selection of wines to choose from in putting together this blend. Using 10% new French Oak, we then refined our lots further. Our reserve is truly very special, because it is a blend of our best barrels to create a style that is reminiscent of the style of Chardonnay produced in Northern Burgundy.

**Tasting Notes:** On the nose, apple blossoms, vanilla, citrus with a hint of toasted oak. On the palate, you'll discover crisp green apple and butterscotch. Balanced with good acidity, this wine is meant for food and will age for many years.

