

# FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

CATIE'S CORNER • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2015 VIOGNIER



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The connection between a vine and the soil creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Corey Beck hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections we craft small-batch wines which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members, and those who shop with us online.

## THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films and the design of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma County.

## CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD

Our 2015 Reserve Viognier once again comes from Catie's Corner, a Russian River Valley vineyard that experiences unique diurnal temperature variations. There can be a 50-degree difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures. This climate pattern allows the fruit to ripen slowly and retain crisp natural acidity. The contrast also gives the fruit a complexity that shows through in the wine.

## THE WINE

2015 was another outstanding vintage. The season was dry because of the persistent dry conditions, and temperatures were steady and warm. With the onset of early budbreak, white grapes reached maturity by August. We harvested our 2015 Viognier in the early morning hours, fermented cool, and finished in stainless steel to protect the varietal's fragrance. This vintage is elegant in style with refreshing mineral character. It opens with aromatic citrus bergamot and pretty floral notes. Succulent flavors of apricot, peach, and guava are enlivened by a hint of lemon and vibrant natural acidity. Unlike last year's rendition from the same vineyard, this vintage is lighter on spice and larger on minerals, making it more graceful and refined than its predecessor.

Corey Beck, Winemaker

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Blend	100% Viognier
Alcohol	14.1%
Cases	780

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