



***R & B Cellars  
Russian River  
“Sarabande”  
2013 Chardonnay***



<b>Vineyard:</b>	100% Russian River Chardonnay Lone Oak Vineyard
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Bottled:</b>	February 2015
<b>Released:</b>	March 2015
<b>Production:</b>	453 cases

### **Winemakers Comments**

This chardonnay hails from the beautiful, hillside, Lone Oak Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. Lovingly handcrafted in a combination of fermentation vessels, including French oak barrels and puncheons, and two Burgundian concrete eggs. These eggs are special: it is not only the traditional method used in Burgundy to create some of the greatest Chardonnays, but its unique shape and design creates a vortex that keeps the lees in constant motion, adding to mouth feel and structure, emphasizing the "mineralite" of the wine and enhancing balance. We used different yeasts with each barrel, puncheon and egg, creating additional layers of complexity and nuance to the final wine and bringing out different aspects of the fruit.

### **The Wine**

You will notice tropical notes with hints of pineapple and apple with the slightest hint of coconut. The wine is big and layered, yet completely balanced. While oak is there, it is completely integrated into the wine. The acid is crisp and vibrant, and perfectly balanced by the rich fruit, mineral characteristics and long finish. Soft supple glycerols are balanced by just the right amount of crisp acid and mineral tones. Simply put, a Goldilock's wine...everything is just right.

### **Vineyards**

Lone Oak Vineyard is a special vineyard located in the Russian River on East Side Road with unbelievable views in all directions. There are both Dijon and Wente clones that produce small-berried clusters with incomparable flavors.

### **The Name**

Sarabande continues our tradition of musically named wines. A "fast and erotic" three-quarter-time dance in 17th century Spain, and, a "stately and decorous" three-quarter time dance in 18th century England - both aspects reflect the terrific balance of flavors we have tried to achieve.