



## **2012 Ribolla Gialla** **Russian River Valley, Sonoma County**

### **Vineyard:**

Although the Russian River AVA is known more for Pinot Noir than anything else, its climate is well suited to ripen this unique grape that is indigenous to Friuli. Gialla is the Italian word for yellow, and as this grape ripens, that is the color it assumes. In Tanya's Vineyard the soil is mostly clay and it holds what little rainfall there is during the summer. Still, harvest nets only about 2 tons per acre so the quality and intensity of the grapes is high. This vineyard is named for his wife and located in the backyard of Chris Bowland, who farms hundreds of acres in Sonoma County and it's his "labor of love."

### **Winemaker's Notes:**

Light gold color, brilliant; aromas of apricot, light honey, persimmon, nutmeg and a floral note might give the impression of a sweet wine but the palate is dry; the flavors echo the nose, concentrated texture, lively acids and grippy tannins; good length but needs a year in bottle to become integrated. Should be cellared for at least a year and should drink well for another decade. This wine should never be over-chilled; cellar temperature or warmer for service.

**Varietal:** 100% Ribolla Gialla

**Brix at harvest:** 21.7

**Alcohol:** 11.7%

**Winemaking:** Gently de-stemmed & hand sorted, skin fermented with native yeasts until dry, malolactic fermentation was stopped to retain acidity

**Cooperage:** Aged 6-7 year old French oak barrels

**Production:** 112 cases