



RAMEY

Chardonnay SONOMA COAST

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Sonoma Coast
Sites	69% Martinelli Charles Ranch Vineyard; 31% Platt Vineyard
Soil & Clonal Selection	<p>This is the seventh vintage to be dominated by the Martinelli Charles Ranch on Bohan Dillon Road. The vineyard was planted in 1982 by George Hastings Charles (Lee Jr.'s maternal grandfather, called PaPa). The soil is Goldridge and Josephine; Goldridge comes from sandstone and Josephine is from shale. The vineyard was planted mixed Wente with other Chardonnay clones.</p> <p>Platt Vineyard is our coolest site and has Goldridge Loam soil uplifted from ancient ocean floor. In 2003, it was planted with Wente selection Chardonnay collected from one of our Hyde Vineyard blocks, the rows are densely planted (3' and 4' by 6') on low-vigor rootstock (420A).</p>

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2014 was another classic vintage. A mild winter and spring caused an early bud break followed by consistent temperatures throughout the summer, promoting even ripening. We had ample hang time which in turn yielded intense varietal character and a rich texture.
Harvest Dates Brix	September 4 to September 23 22.6° average

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	We press the whole clusters for delicacy. Native-yeast and full native malolactic fermentation take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
Aging	After aging 12 months in 15% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Demptos), this Chardonnay was fined for clarity and texture in tank during the following harvest. It was then bottled without filtration in February, 2016.
Cases Alcohol	7,350 14.5%
Release Date Price	April 2017 \$40

“Coming from these two special vineyard sites, our Sonoma Coast Chardonnays show great depth of flavor, length of finish, aromatic complexity, and a fine balance between richness and delicacy. These two vineyards have typically cool climates, low vigor soil, and a vine selection that generate small berries, small clusters and inherently low yields.” – David Ramey
