



Vintage 2015

RAMEY

Chardonnay

ROCHIOLI VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

Site | Clones

The 2015 Rochioli blend was 85% from Mid-40 block, clones 4 (1995) and 76 (1995 & 1998), and the remaining 15% is a combination of River block (clone 5 planted in 1989) and Allen Vineyard, which the Rochiolis have farmed for many years (clone 76 planted 2001 & 2005).

Soil

The soil here is Yolo sandy loam and overwash, derived from sedimentary formation in alluvial fans.

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Growing Season

Winter 2015 was the warmest on record, resulting in early budbreak. Cooler, wetter weather in spring months slowed development, however, leading to a challenging, extended bloom period. The resulting uneven fruit set translated to a small crop and smaller berries with very concentrated flavors. The very early budbreak resulted in an equally early harvest.

Harvest Dates | Brix

August 22 and 24 | 23.1°

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition

100% Chardonnay

Fermentation

We gently press whole clusters for phenolic delicacy. Native yeast and full native malolactic fermentation take place in barrel, with *sur lies bâtonnage*.

Aging

After aging 20 months in 23% new François Frères French oak barrels, this Chardonnay was fined and settled in tank following the next harvest. It was then bottled without filtration.

Cases | Alcohol

747 | 14.5%

Release Date | Price

August 2018 | \$65

“This is our first single vineyard Chardonnay from this historic vineyard. We’ve enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the Rochioli family for years and are excited to produce this elegant and fruit-driven wine from our neighbor’s vineyard on Westside Road.” – David Ramey
