



RAMEY

Chardonnay SONOMA COAST

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Sonoma Coast
Sites	61% Martinelli Charles Ranch Vineyard; 39% 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 to 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. Rows are densely planted (3' and 4' by 6') on low-vigor rootstock (420A).</p>

VINTAGE

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. Weather throughout the summer growing season was consistently warm, bringing on a very early harvest.
Harvest Dates Brix	September 2 to September 14 23.5° average

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	We press the fruit whole cluster 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 17% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Taransaud Burgundy), the Chardonnay was traditionally fined for clarity and texture during the following harvest, and bottled without filtration in January, 2017.
Cases Alcohol	3,402 14.5%
Release Date Price	April 2018 \$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
