



# RAMEY

## *Estate Chardonnay*

WESTSIDE FARMS®

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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### VINEYARD

<b>Site</b>	Westside Farms, our 75 acre ranch on Westside Road, has been in use as farmland since the middle 1800s.
<b>Soil</b>	The soil here is Yolo silty loam, derived from sedimentary formation in alluvial fans.
<b>Clone</b>	This vintage was sourced from Block 4, which is planted to Clone 4.
<b>Planted</b>	Block 4 was planted in 2006 with twelve by eight foot spacing.

### VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	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 exceptionally early budbreak led to an equally early harvest.
<b>Harvest Date   Brix</b>	August 18   23.6°

### WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Fermentation</b>	We whole-cluster press for phenolic delicacy. Native-yeast and full native malolactic fermentations take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
<b>Aging</b>	After aging 18 months in 20% new François Frères barrels, this Chardonnay was lightly fined and settled in tank before being bottled without filtration.
<b>Cases   Alcohol</b>	234   14.5%
<b>Release Date   Price</b>	March 2018   \$65

*“This is our second estate Chardonnay, from the heart of the Russian River Valley. It has a complex and harmonious mouthfeel, balancing power & elegance.” –David Ramey*

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