



# 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 3, which is planted to Clone 4.
<b>Planted</b>	Block 3 was planted in 1990 on AxR1 rootstock with fourteen by eight foot spacing.

### VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	2016 began with another very early bloom, leading to a very early harvest in Sonoma County; our first fruit arrived August 5. During maturation, summer temperatures were warm and steady, with fewer heat spikes than 2015. Three weeks of cool weather in August and September relaxed the pace of harvest, allowing for methodical picking decisions and perfectly developed fruit. Yields were relatively average – down from 2014 and up from 2015.
<b>Harvest Date   Brix</b>	August 31   23.2°

### 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 20 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>	208   14.5%
<b>Release Date   Price</b>	June 2019   \$65

*“This is our third 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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