



# RAMEY

*Chardonnay*

WOOLSEY ROAD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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## VINEYARD

<b>Site</b>	This vineyard is owned by the Martinelli family and was planted to our specifications in 2007. It lies directly south of their winery on Woolsey Road. Vines are spaced one meter by two meters on a northeast-facing slope. Rootstock is 420A, known for low vigor, and the vines are cane pruned.
<b>Soil</b>	Huichica clay-loam over clay
<b>Clonal Selection</b>	This cool site was planted with Old Wente cuttings taken from Chardonnay we planted at Platt Vineyard, which had been sourced from the Hyde Vineyard.

## VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	The 2018 season was exemplary. Spring was drier than in 2017, and after two years of poor set, consistently mild weather led to good berry set. Higher cluster counts than the low yielding years of 2015-2017, coupled with cooler late summer temperatures, brought longer hang times with harvest dates up to two weeks later than the previous vintage.
<b>Harvest Date   Brix</b>	August 31   22.6°

## WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Fermentation</b>	We press whole clusters for phenolic delicacy. Native yeast and full native malolactic fermentations take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
<b>Aging</b>	After 20 months in 25% new François Frères and Taransaud Beaune French oak barrels, the Chardonnay was traditionally fined for clarity and texture and bottled without filtration.
<b>Cases   Alcohol</b>	540   14.5%
<b>Release Date   Price</b>	April 2021   \$70

*Woolsey Road benefits from two greats in the chardonnay world, originating from the Hyde family's cuttings of Old Wente and farmed by the third and fourth generations of the Martinelli family. This is our seventh bottling from this vineyard.*

*– David Ramey*