



RAMEY

Chardonnay

RITCHIE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Site	Ritchie Vineyard is widely spaced—as was the fashion for vineyards planted in the early 70’s. These old vines with their gnarly trunks produce tiny quantities of grapes per vine.
Soil	The benchland soil is pure sandy Goldridge Loam, originating from the bed of an inland sea. This soil type is common to great vineyards in this part of the Russian River Valley.
Clonal Selection	Old Wente selection
Planted	Our block of Kent Ritchie’s vineyard was planted in 1972.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2007 was a mild year overall, with early bud break and fruit set due to warmer winter and spring temperatures. The growing season was cooler than average with few heat spikes, leading to an evenly paced harvest. Due to a dry winter, berries of all varieties were smaller and more concentrated. The result was a slow, steady harvest of exceptional quality, with wines showing great intensity and structure.
Harvest Date	September 21
Brix at Harvest	24°

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	Whole-cluster pressing for delicacy, native-yeast fermentation and full natural malolactic fermentation in barrel.
Aging	19 months in 65% new French oak barrels (Francois Freres) and aged <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> . Non-filtered.
Cases	1,275
Alcohol	14.5%

“Our Ritchie Chardonnay walks the fine line between richness and delicacy. It has a complex and harmonious mouthfeel that balances power and elegance.”

—David Ramey