



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	The 2010 vintage was cool, though not cold like 2011. We didn’t start harvesting Chardonnay until the end of September. The 2010’s have the richness of fully mature fruit coupled with crisp, refreshing acidity.
Harvest Date	September 29
Brix at Harvest	25°

WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	Whole-cluster pressing for delicacy, native-yeast barrel fermentation and full natural malolactic fermentation
Aging	21 months in 45% new French oak barrels (Francois Freres & Demptos) and aged <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> . Non-filtered.
Cases	905
Alcohol	14.5%
Release Date	October 2013

“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