



# RAMEY

*Chardonnay*

RITCHIE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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## VINEYARD

<b>Appellation</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Site</b>	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.
<b>Soil</b>	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.
<b>Clonal Selection</b>	Old Wente selection
<b>Planted</b>	Our block of Kent Ritchie’s vineyard was planted in 1972.

## VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	If the 2010 vintage was cool, the 2011 vintage was cold. We didn’t start harvesting Chardonnay until the end of September. This vintage displays the richness of fully mature fruit coupled with crisp, refreshing acidity.
<b>Harvest Date(s)</b>	September 22
<b>Brix at Harvest</b>	23.8°

## WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Compositon</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Fermentation</b>	Whole-cluster pressing for delicacy, native-yeast barrel fermentation and full natural malolactic fermentation
<b>Aging</b>	21 months in 45% new French oak barrels (Francois Freres & Demptos) and aged <i>sur lies</i> with weekly <i>bâtonnage</i> through malo. Non-filtered.
<b>Cases</b>	933
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%
<b>Release Date</b>	August 2014

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

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