

# WOOLSEY ROAD VINEYARD

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

#### **VINEYARD**

**Appellation** Russian River Valley

Site 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. Rootstock is the low-vigor 420A and the vines are cane pruned.

Soil Huichica clay-loam over clay.

Clonal Selection This cool site was planted with Old Wente cuttings taken from our Chardonnay blocks

in Platt Vineyard, which had been selected from the Hyde Vineyard.

#### VINTAGE

**Growing Season** 2014 was another classic vintage. A mild winter and spring caused an early bud break

followed by consistent temperatures throughout the summer, promoting even

ripening. We had ample hang time which in turn yielded intense varietal character and

a rich texture.

Harvest Date | Brix August 16 | 23.1°

## WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon 100% Chardonnay

**Fermentation** We press whole clusters for phenolic delicacy (low tannins). Native-yeast and full

native malolactic fermentations take place in barrel, with sur lies bâtonnage.

Aging After nineteen months in 26% new French oak barrels from François and Taransaud,

this Chardonnay was bottled without filtration in June 2016.

**Cases | Alcohol** 900 | 14.5%

Release Date | Price March 2017 | \$65

"Coming from special vineyard sites, our Chardonnays show great depth of flavor, length of finish, aromatic complexity, and a fine balance between richness and delicacy. Typically, the climate is cool and the soil vigor low, producing graceful yet vibrant wines. This is our third bottling from this new site."—David Ramey