



RAMEY

Chardonnay

WOOLSEY ROAD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

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 sourced from the Hyde Vineyard.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2016 began with another very early bloom, leading to a very early harvest in Sonoma County; our first fruit arrived August 5. During maturation, summer temperatures were warm and steady, with fewer heat spikes than 2015. Three weeks of cool weather in August and September relaxed the pace of harvest, allowing for methodical picking decisions and perfectly developed fruit. Yields were relatively average – down from 2014 and up from 2015.
Harvest Date Brix	August 5 22.9°

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	We press whole clusters for phenolic delicacy (low tannins). Native yeast and full native malolactic fermentations take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
Aging	After 20 months in 20% new Taransaud Beaune French oak barrels, this Chardonnay was bottled without filtration in June 2018.
Cases Alcohol	761 14.5%
Release Date Price	Dec 2019 \$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 fifth bottling from this unique vineyard.” –David Ramey