

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 Chardonnay we

planted at Platt Vineyard, which had been sourced from the Hyde Vineyard.

VINTAGE

Growing Season 2017 began with a very wet winter. The summer was mild until a significant

heatwave around Labor Day. Afterward, temperatures were warm and steady, allowing winemakers to make picking decisions based on optimal fruit maturity rather than impending weather. Yields were average to light. Fruit quality

ranged from great to exceptional, with well-preserved acids.

Harvest Date | Brix August 21 | 22.8°

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 sur lies bâtonnage.

Aging After 20 months in 20% new François Frères French oak barrels, this

Chardonnay was lightly fined and bottled without filtration in June 2019.

Cases | Alcohol 769 | 14.5%

Release Date | Price July 2020 | \$70

"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