



RAMEY

Chardonnay

RITCHIE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Site	Ritchie Vineyard is widely spaced, as was the fashion in the early '70s. These old vines with their gnarly trunks produce small clusters with distinct “hen and chick” character.
Soil	The benchland soil is gravelly, sandy Goldridge Loam, originating from the bed of an ancient inland sea, over volcanic Tufa rock
Clonal Selection	Old Wente selection
Planted	Our block was planted in 1972

VINTAGE

Growing Season	The 2009 vintage came close to ideal, with steady, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season, no desiccating heat spikes and no rain until all the Chardonnay had been picked.
Harvest Dates	September 10 and 11
Brix at Harvest	23.5° average

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	Whole-cluster pressing for delicacy, native-yeast fermentation and full, natural malolactic fermentation in barrel
Aging	19 months in 52% new French oak barrels and aged <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> . Non-filtered
Cases Release Date	2,031 August 2012
Alcohol	14.5%

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